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Final farewell to Hong Kong

Chinese promise to preserve laws and democracy

FROM DAVID WATTS AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN yielded Hong Kong, its most successful modern colony, to the Government of China last night in ceremonies which were by turns extraordinarily emotional and austere.

In the end, the handover from capitalist to communist state was carried through faultlessly — despite the bickering of the last few days — and Britain got the assurances it sought. President Jiang Zemin committed his country to "unswervingly administer" the joint agreement between the two countries and to preserve Hong Kong's previous social system and its laws fundamentally unchanged.

Most importantly, the Chinese leader committed his country to allow Hong Kong to develop its democratic system in a manner suitable to the Hong Kong reality. Those were the words the Hong Kong people and the British representatives had hoped to hear. Once uttered, the atmosphere visibly warmed as Mr Jiang went on to reassure his audience that Hong Kong's importance as an economic centre would be maintained.

Earlier, the Prince of Wales, reading a message on behalf of the Queen, had put China on notice that its commitments under the Joint Declaration must be met. He said: "Hong Kong has shown how East and West can learn to live and work together. It has brought us together and enriched all our lives." Britain had been privileged to be responsible for the people, especially since Hong Kong had been so conspicuously successful.

The most anxious moment in all the complexity of the arrangements for both sides had been to ensure that, as midnight and the hour of handover approached, there should be five seconds before the witching hour between the Life Guards ending their rendition of *God Save the Queen* and the raising of the flags of China and the new Special Administrative Region. Five seconds for the Chinese conductor to raise his baton for the national anthem. In the end, the Guards did him proud, ending 25 seconds early.

The ceremony had started with the Chinese in wide-eyed amazement at finding themselves on Hong Kong territory after 156 years of turbulent anti-imperial history and not a little afraid of the reception they might get. It was brief and austere, as the Chinese had wished, with the formal lowering of the Union flag and the raising of the flags of the People's Republic of China and the new flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, but it ended with President Jiang using the English of which he is so proud to chat with Prince Charles. They strolled away from the central dias apparently perfectly at ease.

The deed done, the official party moved off swiftly to the waterfront and *Britannia*, where the now former governor and Mrs Patten said goodbye to a mass of friends waiting to see them off. Soon *Britannia* was gone and heading for Manila at the close of an extraordinary era in British history.

The day had begun with the first of a series of formal ceremonies: a moving moment as the governor and his family left Government House for the last time. Chris Patten accepted the folded Union Flag in front of Government House while his daughters, their faces drained, looked on. His staff in tears, the pipers played *Highland Cathedral*, the governor's favourite song. There was no speech from the departing leader; none was

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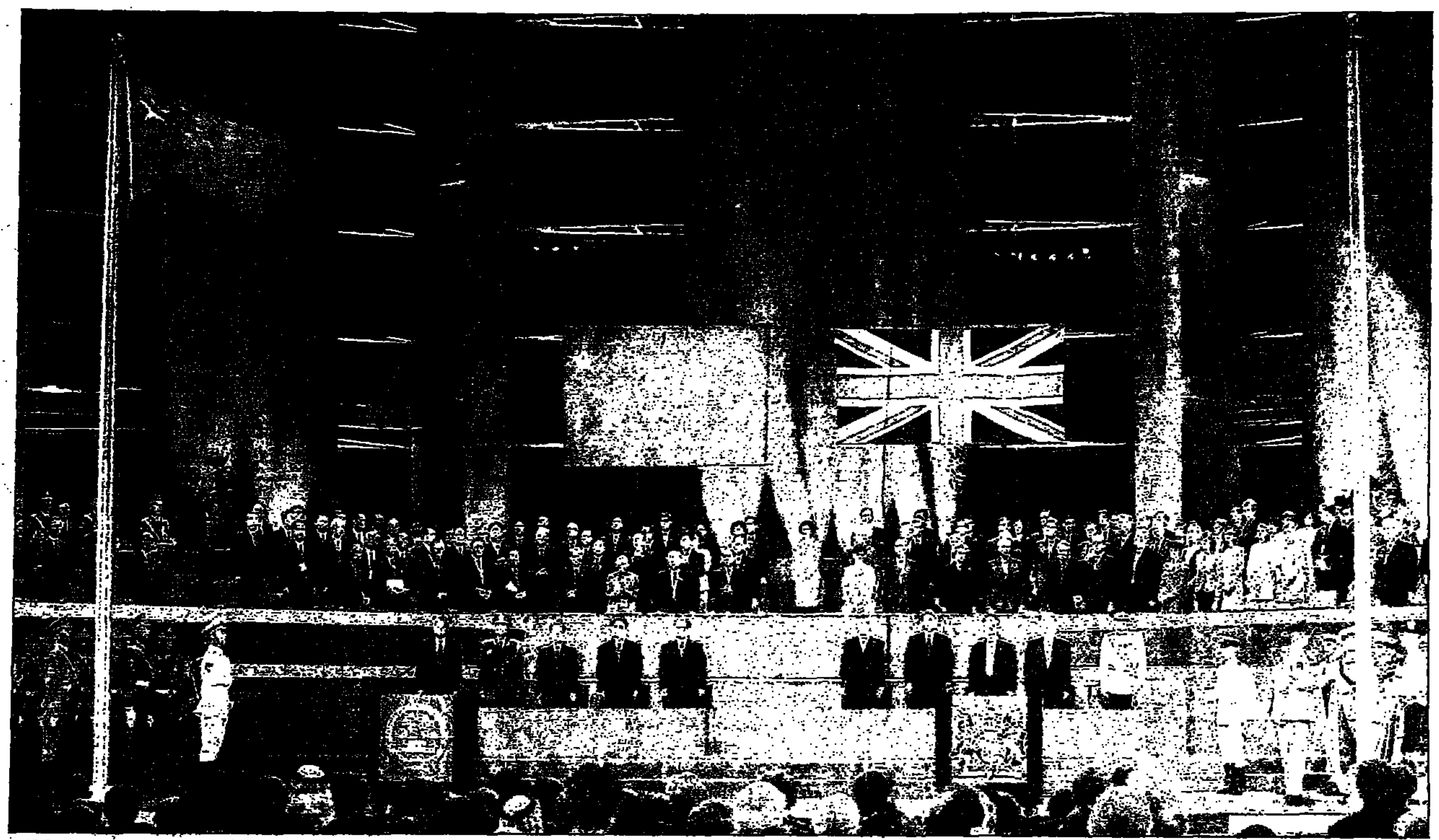

The moment 156 years of British rule came to an end: the Union flag is lowered and China's flag raised. President Jaing Zemin of China declared that it was "a new dawn"

Tears and rain mingle as the retreat is beaten

FROM SIMON JENKINS IN HONG KONG

THE party is over. The British rule in Hong Kong ended on the dot of midnight last night, in torrential rain but with dignity and panache. The Last Post had been sounded, the Retreat Beaten.

The weather was awful but the ceremonial superb. The Pacific Empire went out on the completion of a property contract, in a swirl of pipes and a rattle of drums. The massed bands defied the thunderstorms sweeping down from The Peak, and played *The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has Ended*. The flag dipped and a lone pipe played the lament. The audience sang *Auld Lang Syne*, the tears mingling with the rain. The Governor admitted he had long run out of handkerchiefs. Tony Blair looked bemused, the Prince of Wales merely wet.

Whoever planned the surrender date of the Hong Kong lease clearly failed to remember the monsoons. The outdoor ceremony was supposed to have been cancelled in the event of rain. Yet as the clouds which had hovered all day over the colony duly broke, the organisers went ahead. Never in the history of diplomacy can so much power and money, so many beautiful suits and dresses, have been so thoroughly soaked to the skin.

The ceremony was lifted unchanged from every retreat-from-empire textbook. It was middle-brow to the last. Local children danced inside dragons and paraded as three tokens of modern Hong Kong, as world currencies, microchips and academic gowns. Dame Gwyneth Jones acted Vera Lynn, with *I'll See You Again*. Brian Blessed gave a potted history of the place. The orchestra played Elgar. The Prince of Wales made a dull speech, standing in what appeared to be a waterfall. The Governor made a moving one.

Mr Patten said he was the twenty-eighth and last to hold his office. "Hong Kong people are now to run Hong Kong," he said. "That is the promise and that is the unshakable destiny." The Patten edge was there to the end. Hong Kong must have political liberty and economic freedom, but for that they must now look to themselves.

Mr Patten was cheered to the skies. He has been a popular Governor and never more so than of late. He offered Hong Kong's democratic leaders a taste of what they should have had long ago. Politicians who once accused the British of kowtowing to Beijing are doing so no longer. The tit-for-tat boycotts of last night's banquet and government inauguration are an ironic measure of Mr Patten's success. He has made politics matter in Hong Kong. The *South China Morning Post*'s last poll, conducted this week, has 50 per cent of Hong Kongers saying they would still prefer to remain British, and shows Mr Patten's stock rising to the end.

Yet China's claim is rightful. As the guests moved from the sodden parade ground to the huge new convention centre, the Chinese leadership arrived to assert it. They were greeted by a stupendous firework display, punching galaxies of stars into the gloomy clouds and showering firestorms down on Kowloon. The Chinese are promising an even bigger display tonight, with five times more tonnes of gunpowder being hoisted aloft, and helped by five times the leverage on

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Players cut up rough over Centre Court

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

WIMBLEDON last night admitted concern over the state of Centre Court after complaints by leading players following weeks of heavy rain.

Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Tim Henman said the surface was less firm than on the neighbouring No 1 Court and Jana Novotna, the former women's finalist, claimed the grass was "badly damaged".

Throughout the first week players were seen prodding the surface with their rackets after apparently being surprised by the bounce. After his straight sets victory over the Zimbabwean Byron Black yesterday Sampras, the top men's seed, confirmed he found the bounce uneven. "I've never seen Centre Court so chopped up, obviously because of the rain and all the play on it. It's hard. There are areas where there's no grass. It's like cement," he said.

The All England Club admitted the grass on Centre Court was softer and "more susceptible to damage" than in previous years. A spokesman blamed excess moisture created inside the heavy covers that had to be left on before and during the tournament because of the rain.

Eddie Seaward, the head groundsman, said last night: "I am obviously concerned but once the moisture has dried out, I am confident the court will become firmer, look better and continue to perform well."

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The pound was boosted by figures showing consumer credit growing by £1.1 billion in May, the second-largest increase on record .... Page 27

More BA staff vote for strike

TGWU ground crew workers joined cabin crew in a vote for strike action against British Airways, threatening to ground the airline at the height of the holiday season.

Shop stewards will meet today to decide on action in protest at the selling off of the airline's catering operation.

£11m Juninho

Middlesbrough have accepted an £11 million offer from Tottenham Hotspur for their 24-year-old Brazilian midfield player, Juninho. Atlético Madrid are also after him and are willing to meet the asking price .... Page 46

Doctors sound alarm over 'emergencies only' scenario

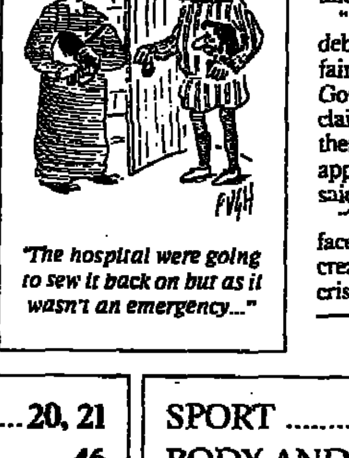
BY IAN MURRAY
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS will be able to handle only emergencies this winter, with seriously ill patients touring the country in ambulances to find one of the few available intensive care beds, doctors' leaders said yesterday. Even a mild influenza epidemic could cause chaos.

Giving warning that the National Health Service faced the gravest crisis in its 50 years, doctors from round the country told the annual conference of the British Medical Association that there was no spare capacity to cope with the inevitable extra winter demand on services.

Dr Sandy Macara, the chairman, said that even in last year's mild winter, waiting lists had to be allowed to rise to protect emergency admissions. The winter ahead would be far worse, said Jim Johnson, chairman of the hospital consultants committee. All non-emergency work would have to stop until the spring, hospital corridors and even ambulances could be filled with patients queuing for trollies. "The pressures we shall have to face this winter will be the worst ever, with financial projection for the next two years which make it at best unclear how the NHS can continue to function," he told the conference.

The doctors rejected any idea of charging patients for care, and laid down a clear pre-Budget marker that the Treasury must find more money to prevent a doomsday scenario reducing the service to a minimum.



"The hospital were going to sew it back on but as it wasn't an emergency..."

The doctors also wanted a better pay deal. "Our new political masters must not continue to mistake dedication to our patients as signifying passivity," Dr Macara said to warm applause. "We cannot continue to be forced to work in a system in which the pressures are those of a business-driven enterprise while the rewards are those of a care-driven service."

Evan Harris, a junior doctor and newly elected Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said he was living proof that the public would vote for someone who called for increased taxation to pay for health.

"We must have a proper debate and engage battle on fair direct taxation, which the Government, despite their claim to rule out nothing in their search for more money, appears to have excluded," he said.

"The Health Secretary is faced with two options: increased funding or continued crisis: this is Dobson's choice."

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Blair talks tough with Beijing leaders

LARRY CHAN / REUTER

People's Liberation Army troops listen to speeches in Shenzhen yesterday before crossing the border to their Hong Kong posting, where President Jiang Zemin, below, was being welcomed

HONG KONG HANDOVER

FROM JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
IN HONG KONG

TONY BLAIR last night gave a warning to Chinese leaders that Hong Kong would be "destroyed" if Beijing did anything to undermine the Joint Declaration. Hours before the official handover, Mr Blair hardened his language. He admitted that he viewed the next few months with "trepidation and apprehension".

He made clear before his meeting with President Jiang Zemin of China that the new regime would need to stick to the spirit and the letter of the Joint Declaration or risk international condemnation.

He signalled his own concerns about the uncertainties of the next few months when the provisional legislature is put in place. "Whatever the emotional tugs, we have to look to the future. That is the reality. There is nothing else we can do," he said. "If we have to act, then the people of Hong Kong will expect us to mobilise international opinion. China must know Hong Kong will be destroyed if they try to undermine the Joint Declaration."

President Jiang attempted to allay Mr Blair's concerns at their meeting, which lasted for 40 minutes last night. He even invited the Prime Minister to visit China. Mr Blair accepted the invitation but it is unlikely that he will take up the offer this year. However, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, may make an earlier visit.

Before he arrived in Hong Kong, Mr Blair had made much more cautious remarks about any potential abuse of power by the Chinese after the handover. But last night he toughened his tone after a meeting with Tung Chee-hwa, the new Chief Executive, before he met President Jiang and Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister.

"It is a momentous occasion for Hong Kong, for Britain and for the Chinese," said Mr Blair. "We would be dishonest if we did not say that it is a very strange feeling for us and one which we approach with trepidation." Before his meeting with the Chinese leaders he underlined the importance of good relations between the countries, particularly in regard to human rights. "Britain is the best guarantor of the liberties that the people of Hong Kong have," he said. "Britain expects them to keep to the terms of the agreements. If that is put at risk the Chinese would be putting the whole stability of Hong Kong in jeopardy."

Earlier, at his meeting with Mr Tung, Mr Blair welcomed the Chief Executive's assurance that free and fair elections would be held within a year. And he received a guarantee from Mr Tung that elections would be held by next May at the latest and that they would be both free and fair. "That is an important step forward," Mr Blair said. He had made clear that he was keen to embark on a "new beginning" in the relationship with China but based on a clear adherence to the Joint Declaration. He told the Chinese leaders that he had no desire to fight old battles again but he also pointed out the importance of Britain as a signatory of the declaration and the impact both on Britain's own position and international opinion if this was not adhered to.

Earlier, in unprecedented scenes, Mr Blair was mobbed by thousands of people in a shopping precinct. The Prime Minister and Chris Patten, the Governor, were cheered and applauded at an impromptu walkabout.

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Mainland welcomes the first of 'three steps forward'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
IN BEIJING

"WHAT does it matter to us common people whether Hong Kong comes back now or not?" asked a 32-year-old man here yesterday. "It only makes a difference to the [Communist] Party. For the common people, those who eat vegetables will continue to eat vegetables, and those who eat rice will continue to eat rice." In other words, nothing will change in his life.

Chinese people have grown cynical over the years of official campaigns, be it the Great Leap Forward, the 100 Flowers, the Cultural Revolution or the current relentless propaganda about the handover and President Jiang Zemin's "lofty mission" in Hong Kong. After all, no matter what Government was in power in Beijing, China would still have been resuming sovereignty over Hong Kong. It is not, *per se*, an achievement of the Party, although it is one that makes all Chinese proud.

British imperialism in China has had its inglorious episodes, from the Opium Wars to the sacking of the Summer Palace in Beijing by British troops. However, it is hard to demonise the British in Hong Kong, as the Japanese are demonised in China, or project them as oppressors. As a resident of Weihai, a former British treaty port, said recently: "The British did not massacre anyone."

Bai Shu Zhen, 57, lives in a *hutung* — a traditional grey-walled lane — just behind Tiananmen Square. Yesterday morning she was out trimming her rose bushes. "I go to Tiananmen every night for a walk, but tonight I can't go — it is closed," she said. "But my 21-year-old son will be dancing in the official ceremonies on the square, and I will be watching television. I'm happy that Hong Kong will come back, and I think the British will be just as happy as us, for it's the time to hand over Hong Kong to China. Hong Kong's prosperity isn't all because of Britain's work. Many Chinese, especially Hong Kong people, also made a contribution to that. I believe China itself will become more prosperous after the handover, but as to my own life, nothing will change."

Another group of women, standing together in a *hutung* near Capital Hospital, were in a good mood, planning how they would spend their three-day handover holiday. "During these three days," said one, "we will be watching television, seeing the spectacular fireworks and walking in Tiananmen Square when it's not cordoned off.

"We are happy, while the British won't be happy at the handover," said another woman. "But Britain has done a good job in Hong Kong in every way. For instance, Britain has enhanced the living standards of the people."

Asked about the violent events in Tiananmen, most people say that they are "now in the past".

One woman said: "We have three steps to go — Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Hong Kong is the first step."

'We will take you home in our hearts'

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necessary then. He was driven out of the gates of Government House for the last time to attend the British waterfront ceremonies with his wife. Barely an hour later, President Jiang's Boeing 747 touched down at Kai Tak airport, the first chairman of the Chinese Communist Party on Hong Kong soil.

The return of Hong Kong ends years of shame and humiliation which China endured at the hands of foreign powers. Pouring rain added to the poignancy of the reality that the colonial power was giving up six and a half million free Chinese, who have built a city state 50 times richer than China's poorest province, to a totalitarian government from which most had originally fled. At the British waterfront ceremony, Mr Patten said: "We will take Hong Kong home in our hearts. You have been kind to us and you have made us welcome. Now Hong Kong people will run Hong Kong: that is the promise and that is the destiny."

Just as the British ceremony ended, the first batch of PLA troops arrived at the border ready to move across.

Earlier in the day Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, received an assurance from his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, that the Hong Kong Police will be used for internal security and there is no question of the PLA soldiers being used for anything other than external defence.

Soon after the handover, the billionaire businessman Tung Chee-hwa, 60, was sworn in as the first chief executive of Hong Kong. The ceremony was boycotted by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and British ministers, in opposition to Beijing's decision to scrap the Legislative Council and replace it with an unelected provisional legislature.

Elections are possible next May. The leader of Hong Kong's popular Democratic Party, Martin Lee, defiantly served notice from the balcony of the council building that he would fight on for democracy: "We pledge to continue to be the voice of Hong Kong people — in or out of office — and to fight to get democracy back."

Tears and rain mingle as retreat is beaten

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local businesses to pay for it. The banquet was hosted by foreign ministers, since Chinese President Jiang had refused to be "paired" with the Prince of Wales rather than the Queen. As a result the meal took on something of a Rotary Club gala. A miracle of protocol contrived four top tables of 40 guests each, of identical placement status.

Chief care had to be taken of that most impenetrably sensitive group, the British Conservative Party. Baroness Thatcher had to be measured from Sir Edward Heath, he from William Hague, he from Lord Howe, and he from Mr Patten. Saving the "face" of the Chinese politburo was child's play in comparison.

The dinner will go down as a classic of mass catering. Four thousands guests were champagned, canapéd, seated and fed three courses inside two hours. The key was simplicity. Chinese food was banned as too complex.

From this the evening passed swiftly to anti-climax, the formal handover ceremony in the main convention hall. By now Europeans were heavily outnumbered by Chinese. European familiars stuck out among them as if in a dream, seated apparently at random. There was Richard Branson, there Sir David Frost, there Rupert Murdoch, there Lord Hurd. Suddenly it was over. The People's Liberation Army goosestepped on stage, the Union Jack was lowered and the rasping mandarin of President Jiang welcomed "a new dawn". By my watch the British Empire shut up shop two minutes early. Back out in the rain, *Britannia* was already preparing to slip its moorings.

A few miles up the road, 4,000 PLA troops were preparing to move to the old Prince of Wales barracks, from which its motto had hurriedly been removed. At Government House they had already auctioned off the crockery. But the Rolls-Royce was left behind. It awaits a new owner.

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Plain-speaking and tears from Patten

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Chris Patten, the twenty-eighth and last Governor of Hong Kong, holds a folded Union flag as he receives an honour salute at Government House before his departure at yesterday's handover

By Jonathan Mirsky

CHRIS PATTEN bowed his head and wept at the farewell ceremony last night just after delivering his final words as Britain's twenty-eighth Governor of Hong Kong: "Now Hong Kong people are to run Hong Kong. That is the promise. And that is the unshakeable destiny."

Mr Patten had been cheered to the echo around the Tamar naval parade ground by a crowd of 10,000, mostly Chinese. The Governor began his speech with the kind of plain-speaking about the opium trade that few of his predecessors ever ventured. Hong Kong's British chapter, he said, "began with events that from today's vantage point … none of us here today would wish or seek to condone."

Then it was the turn of the Prince of Wales, dressed in naval uniform, to give the first of his two speeches before the Union flag was lowered. The heavens opened, soaking the bearskins and the sporrans of the soldiers arrayed before him, and making inaudible the shrieked orders of their officers.

The Prince spoke for five minutes on behalf of the Queen but his words were drowned in the torrential rain. Fortunately, the key words that we were all meant to hear — rule of law, pride, legacy of family and friendship, enduring ties, long history — appeared in large characters on a huge outdoor television screen.

The troops, members of Black Watch, Scots Guards, Royal Marines, Gurkhas, Navy, Army, and the Royal Air Force did what they do best when they are not fighting: marching and playing brisk music. There was also a lone piper.

With the floodlit *Britannia* lying alongside, and as the crowd got wetter and wetter and banged its feet to demonstrate its enthusiasm, it was possible momentarily to forget that power was truly passing elsewhere.

Tony Blair was holding a "bilateral" meeting with President Jiang Zemin in a hotel across the harbour. The Chinese leader was studiously avoiding any street demonstrations by also sailing across the water directly to the Convention Centre, the site of the handover. He would arrive just late enough to snub the banquet hosted by the British.

Friends see last governor off on sentimental journey

From Jonathan Mirsky
in Hong Kong

HONG KONG HANDOVER

THE rain had stopped but there were plenty of teardrops last night on the quayside as Chris Patten — who less than an hour earlier had been the twenty-eighth Governor of Hong Kong — boarded the royal yacht *Britannia*.

The band played *I Vow to Thee My Country* and *Rule Britannia*. Two hundred of the Pattens' staff and friends came to the dockside to say goodbye. Mr Patten, his wife and three daughters, went along the line of well-wishers hugging and kissing most of them. The Pattens and their friends were all in tears. One of the former Governor's bodyguards, Paul Yung, said: "I'm off duty now, but I'd save his life anytime."

There were clerks, secretaries, social secretaries and an aide de camp to the Governor, Paul Ellis, who said: "He was a lovely man, very warm. I can't say that for all the governors."

A Catholic nun, sister Marine, said: "I came here to wish them well. Mrs Patten was one of our patrons at the hospice. She was very generous and always hands-on."

The wife of Han Dongfang, one of China's most famous dissidents, who has stayed behind despite the new rulers, waved goodbye to the Pattens. "My husband is out there in the city somewhere, I hope I'll see him soon," she said.

There had been some question as to whether the Chinese leaders would shake hands with Mr Patten. His present aide de camp, Lance Brown, wearing his white uniform and plumed hat, said: "The Governor made President Jiang an offer he couldn't refuse. They shook hands."

As *Britannia* pulled away, taking the Governor and the Prince of Wales to the Philippines, 100 yards away a large crowd had assembled outside the Prince of Wales barracks, for many years the headquarters here of the British military. Two People's Liberation Army soldiers were standing guard at the gate.

☐ **Missed deadline:** Journalists at Hong Kong's main English language newspaper, the *South China Morning Post*, were contemplating the journal's non-appearance this morning after their entire computer system crashed within seconds of the official handover (Polly Newton writes).

The machines went down at two minutes past midnight, prompting semi-jovial speculation that the timing was not coincidental.

As final deadlines approached and there was no sign of normal service being resumed, one reporter on the paper said: "We are really pushing it now. It's the day that the paper has been waiting for for years and this has happened."

The Post's editor faced criticism in the months leading up the handover for his decision to withdraw a cartoon strip, the *World of Suzy Wong*, which lampooned the Chinese administration in Beijing.

Prince gives pledge of further support

THE Prince of Wales, handing over British sovereignty over Hong Kong to China, last night said the triumphant success of Hong Kong demanded and deserved to be maintained. He said:

> “This important and special ceremony marks a moment of both change and continuity in Hong Kong's history. It marks, first of all, the restoration of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China, under the terms of the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984 ….
>
> This ceremony also celebrates continuity because, by that same treaty and the many subsequent agreements which have been made to implement its provisions, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will have its own government, and retain its own society, its own economy and its own way of life.
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> I should like to pay tribute … to those who turned the concept of 'one country, two systems' into the Joint Declaration, and to the dedication and commitment of those who have worked so hard over the last 13 years to negotiate the details of the Joint Declaration's implementation.
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> But most of all I should like to pay tribute to the people of Hong Kong themselves for all that they have achieved in the last century and a half. The triumphant success of Hong Kong demands — and deserves — to be maintained. Hong Kong has shown the world how dynamism and stability can be defining characteristics of a successful society. These have together created a great economy which is the envy of the world.
>
> Hong Kong has shown the world how East and West can live and work together. As a flourishing commercial and cultural crossroads, it has brought us together and enriched all our lives.
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> Thirteen years ago the Governments of the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of China recognised in the Joint Declaration that these special elements which had created the crucial conditions for Hong Kong's success should continue. They agreed that, in order to maintain that success, Hong Kong should have its own separate trading and financial systems, enjoy autonomy and an elected legislature, maintain its laws and liberties, and be run by the people of Hong Kong and be accountable to them.
>
> Those special elements have served Hong Kong well over the past two decades. Hong Kong has coped with the challenges of great economic, social and political transition with almost none of the disturbance and dislocation which in other parts of the world have so often accompanied change on such a scale.
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> The United Kingdom has been proud and privileged to have had responsibility for the people of Hong Kong, to have provided a framework of opportunity in which Hong Kong has so conspicuously succeeded, and to have been part of the success ….
>
> In a few moments, the United Kingdom's responsibilities will pass to the People's Republic of China. Hong Kong will thereby be restored to China within the framework of 'one country, two systems' …
>
> China will tonight take responsibility for a place and a people which matter greatly to us all. The solemn pledges made before the world in the 1984 Joint Declaration guarantee the continuity of Hong Kong's way of life.
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> For its part, the United Kingdom will maintain its unwavering support for the Joint Declaration.
>
> Our commitment and strong links will continue, and will, I am confident, flourish, as Hong Kong and its people continue to flourish ….”

The Prince yesterday: "Hong Kong has shown the world how East and West can live and work together"

Gloomy expats hear last Archers episode

From David Watts
in Hong Kong

FORGET the imported Mars bars and newspapers: what will really leave British expatriates culturally deprived is the ending of *The Archers*.

Last night the last instalment went out and from now on, fans will have to have taped omnibus editions sent out from Britain.

"It's my routine every night," said one desperate expatriate wife. "As soon as I come through the door I turn it on."

The British Forces Broadcasting Service ceased its service at midnight and yesterday was busy packing its equipment into containers for shipment back to Britain.

Radio Television Hong Kong has decided not to pick up the option because the series is thought to be too politically incorrect. But with skilful blending of government and agricultural propaganda, surely a Phil Archer with Chinese characteristics could do wonders for the propaganda department in Beijing.

For those expatriates who do not know Tom Brokaw from Dan Rather, there will still be the BBC World TV Service on cable.

There was a last-minute rush of weddings in Hong Kong at the weekend as some tied the knot in the last 48 hours of colonialism.

Altogether, 209 received the last marriage certificates topped with the Crown, including a British couple — Claudia Denio, who grew up in the colony, and Alexander Matheson, a Scot who turned up in his kilt for "a day worth remembering".

Sentiment apart, the future of marriage under the new government is one of the great unknowns of the new era. Hong Kong couples are used to having two children — but under mainland rules that is stricly taboo.

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Millions mute as curtain falls on final act

When the after-images of ceremony fade, the focus will turn on a silenced majority, writes **Jonathan Mirsky**

FTER the departure of rinces, presidents, prime ninisters and governors — ogether with the horde of nstant-expert anchor-persons ransmitting truth and portentousness — the images emain.

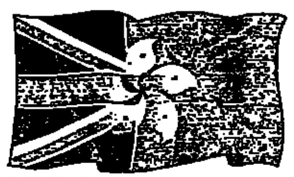
CBS television last week roadcast "exclusive" footage f 50 smartly uniformed mem-ers of the hand-picked Chi-ese garrison learning Eng-ish. Their caps aligned before hem, the soldiers chorused hat day's mantra: "Please how me your identity card."

A second image: Martin Lee, chairman of the Demo-ratic Party, one of Hong Kong's most admired politicians, who loses his seat in the old wholly elected Legislative Council. Mr Lee was trawling round a chic pre-handover party for "anyone who can show me how to climb up a ladder — elegantly, of course". Always impeccably dressed, he intended to defy a ruling by the new administration, barring him from the balcony of the Legislative Council building, by climbing up its facade with the world's television cameras on him, to give a speech to his supporters below. This media nightmare concentrated the minds of the new authorities, who said at the last minute that Mr Lee could appear without using a ladder.

Another image: the priest at Chris Patten's parish church reminding the congregation that Jesus said, "I come not to be served but to serve", and saying to Mr Patten: "You leave us with a shining example of how those words can be applied … on the highest levels of secular authority."

But there remains another larger, blurred impression which drives many visiting journalists to wonder what "the story" of the handover has been, apart from the constant events set up for the media and the parties for the rich and the glamorous.

The large blur is the majority of Hong Kong's 6½ million Chinese people. They are the only British colonial subjects never prepared for an independence for which they were wholly suited. Instead, they were handed back according to treaty, without consultation, to the country from which most of them or their parents and grandparents fled.



HONG KONG HANDOVER

For weeks they have appeared impassive and bland, going about their business like the citizens of mainland Chinese cities during periods of strain such as the Cultural Revolution, when people were afraid to shut their eyes at night because of what they might be overheard saying in their sleep; or as people appeared as they walked past stadiums during the "strike hard" campaigns as "criminals" were being executed.

In Hong Kong, in the days before the handover, people crowded to work in the central office district, the men in their modern Western suits, women in tailored jackets and miniskirts, talking into mobile phones and checking their expensive watches. In the rural New Territories they flew Chinese red flags in places where not long ago they displayed others, from Taiwan.

Everywhere they bought handover kitsch — glasses, watches, T-shirts — bearing the 97 logo designed to give a go-ahead impression, and the new Hong Kong symbol, the modest (and sterile) bauhinia blossom, and took pictures of each other before colonial symbols such as Government House. They asked foreigners if we were going to leave after the handover and if we said no they smiled slightly. It was all very orderly.

As Chris Patten says, Hong Kong is one of the most peaceful cities in the world, a place where even a politically divided legislature is so courteous that it would be the envy of Westminster. He asks where the "instability", to which the new administration constantly refers, is to be seen, and who the "people out there" are, mentioned often by Tung Chee-hwa, the new Chief Executive, and supposedly ready to destabilise Hong Kong.

The answer to Mr Patten's question, and the focus of Mr Tung's fears are the people of Hong Kong. Beneath their calm, pleasant demeanour is another level, the one in which they harbour the beliefs they reveal to pollsters. As Mr Patten observed on Sunday, to insist that Hong Kong people care only for money "is to demean them". Many do not want to be part of China or even think they are "Chinese"; they say they are "Hong Kong Chinese", or simply "Hong Kong people".

In 1989, after the Tiananmen Square killings, hundreds of thousands marched in protest and this year, on June 4, despite Mr Tung telling them to ignore the past, 60,000 of them took their candles to a Tiananmen vigil.

A majority of those questioned, where no one can overhear, despise the new appointed Legislative Council. In 1995 more than a million voted for its abolished predecessor, in a majority so large that if this were a real democracy Mr Lee would be prime minister — the very Mr Lee described as "a bad-mouther" by Mr Tung and a "black hand" by Beijing.

Traditionally, Chinese have admired those who speak truth to power: the mandarin who tells off the emperor and is beheaded, the poet who writes an oblique poem bewailing an unjust regime. In the modern period, the Chinese once admired Mao, and later the investigative journalists who went to prison for exposing his excesses. Nowadays in Hong Kong, the prison letters of Wei Jingsheng, China's best-known political prisoner, sell briskly.

Mr Tung is quite right: there are indeed "people out there".

FRANK CHAN / AP

A crowd cheers Chris Patten as he is driven away from Government House, his official residence, for the last time. To the surprise of some, he broke with tradition and failed to perform the "I will return" ritual in which departing governors circle the drive of the residence three times

Chinese keep options open with property in London

By Katherine Bergen

ESTATE agents expect Hong Kong Chinese buyers to continue to show interest in central London property even after the handover to China.

Interest from Hong Kong in the London residential market began to escalate in the early 1980s and now many buy property unseen without even visiting Britain.

Lorna Vestey of Knight Frank said that since 1992 Hong Kong Chinese had played a significant part in the recovery of the central London property market with purchases mainly of flats in new developments as letting investments.

"The rate of buying has somewhat eased in the past few weeks, as their concerns are with events at home, but we expect that the Chinese influence in London will be every bit as long-lasting as the British influence has been in Hong Kong."

Jonathan Seal of Hamptons International said sales over the past year had been due principally to the handover. The investment and development wing of the company has staged 18 exhibitions in Hong Kong in the past six months and sales to Hong Kong Chinese clients account for around 65 per cent of properties sold.

"Around 90 per cent of these clients are buying to invest in homes they can rent out. It is an upward trend growing on the back of the strong lettings market and we expect it to continue."

Agents agree that a "bolthole" option is only a secondary consideration for the Hong Kong Chinese buyer. Justin Shingles of Strutt & Parker said they would rather invest overseas than expose their money to possible risk at home. "These properties are nearly always for renting out but could be used to live in if it came to it," he said. "We expect interest in the London market to go up after the handover."

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Crash mother learns of children's deaths

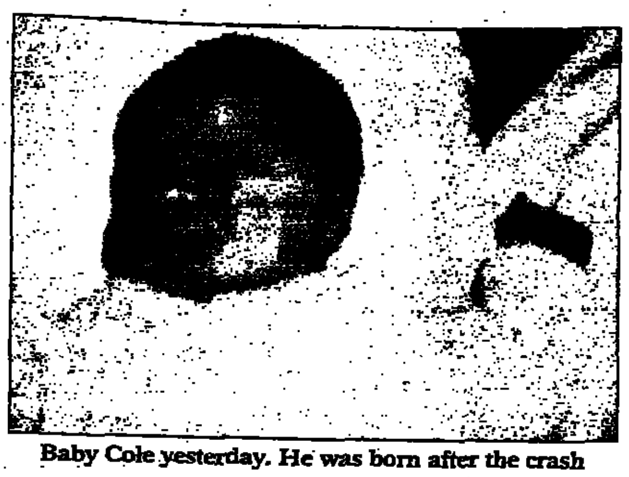
By Michael Horsnell

A CRITICALLY injured woman thrown from the wreckage of a car crash cuddled her newborn baby in hospital yesterday as distraught relatives broke the news that her husband and two young sons had been killed in the accident.

The wife of a wealthy farmer, Susan Cole, 35, who was nine months' pregnant, was taken to hospital where she had an emergency Caesarean section within an hour. The 9lb 9oz boy was born safely.

Last night police confirmed that the 25-year-old driver of the lorry that had been in collision with the family's Ford Sierra head-on had failed a breath test at the scene. He remained under arrest last night.

Mrs Cole was told that her husband of eight years, Andrew, 37, and sons Henry, 4, and George, 2, were dead. Her daughter, Grace, 6, survived the crash on a country road at Chadwell St Mary, Essex, and was said to be stable in hospital. She had not been told of the death of her father and brothers.



Baby Cole yesterday. He was born after the crash

The dead man's father, Alan Cole, 68, said at the family's 18th-century stone farmhouse: "They had just been shopping. My daughter-in-law had birth pains, so they had been to the local supermarket to restock the pantry before she went into hospital. This is devastating." The family were less than a quarter of a mile from home when the crash happened on Sunday afternoon.

Michael Martin, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Basildon Hospital, said: "I got a telephone call to say she had been admitted after an horrendous traffic accident. She had serious injuries and the baby was showing signs of distress."

Two teams of surgeons conducted the Caesarean section before operating on her injuries, which included severe bleeding of the liver, bruising to other organs, pelvic damage and lacerations to her head.

Mr Martin said: "The baby would not have survived if it had not been promptly delivered. The mother was critical, but after the birth we were able to stabilise her condition. She has seen and held her newborn baby. She is coping, but will have to take the trauma step by step."

Last night Mrs Cole was said to be in a stable condition under sedation in intensive care. Her surviving daughter, who received a minor fracture of the pelvis and scalp wounds, remained under observation but was said to be recovering.

The driver of the lorry and a 28-year-old male passenger in the cab were unhurt. A spokesman for D H A Freight of Markyate, Hertfordshire, said: "We are deeply shocked to learn that a vehicle of ours was involved in a fatal crash. The vehicle was in the custody of a new employee who had collected it on Saturday. He was not on company business at the time. Our thoughts are with the family concerned."

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Tracie Andrews leaving court after the opening day of her trial yesterday

Tracie Andrews trial opens

By Kathryn Knight

TRACIE ANDREWS appeared at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday at the start of the trial into the murder of her 25-year-old fiance Lee Harvey, who was stabbed to death on a country lane at Alvechurch, near Birmingham.

Miss Andrews, 27, of Alvechurch, was arrested on December 7 last year and later charged with his murder. She arrived at court in a prison van and sat in the dock to see the jury sworn in. The prosecution is scheduled to begin its opening argument today. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Miss Andrews, who worked as a barmaid before her arrest, has been staying at the home of her mother, Irene Carter, in Alvechurch, on the same estate as the home she shared with Mr Harvey. Her mother and stepfather Alan Carter are taking care of her six-year-old daughter.

Mr Harvey was attacked on December 1. He received multiple stab wounds to his neck, face, back, head and body.

Sex abuse couple try to silence the police

By Lin Jenkins

A COUPLE convicted of "horrific" paedophile offences, who have had to leave four homes since leaving prison, yesterday sought the protection of the law. They claimed in the High Court that the police had exceeded their powers and unlawfully had them evicted from a caravan site in North Wales, forcing them to live an itinerant life like "subgypsies".

Stephen Solley, QC, was launching a test case in which the married sex offenders are asking the court to rule that a policy introduced by North Wales Police, under which the public is told when paedophiles are in their area, is contrary to their rights and unreasonable. The couple are seeking an injunction restraining the police from their policy of releasing information about them.

The police claim that the couple were made to leave the caravan site only to protect children who were likely to visit during the Easter holiday.

The case will help to clarify the law on the conflict between a parent's "right to know" when a child abuser is living near by and the offender's right to privacy and the chance of rehabilitation. Other police forces are awaiting the outcome before deciding whether to adopt similar policies of naming paedophiles.

Mr Solley told the High Court that police had shown the owners of the caravan site newspaper reports about how the couple were hounded out of their previous home in Colwyn Bay. The reports gave details of their conviction in 1989. Lord Bingham of Cornhill reserved judgment.

Girl, 8, is expelled for 'crime' of father

By Russell Jenkins

A GIRL aged eight has been expelled from a private school in Merseyside because her father was questioned by police in connection with an alleged drugs offence.

Olivia Avis, who attended the McKee School in Allerton, Liverpool, was told to change into her outdoor shoes, was put in a taxi and sent home unaccompanied into the care of her sick 13-year-old sister.

She knew nothing of her father's alleged crime because her mother, who is separated from him, had been waiting for the best time to break the news to her.

Olivia's place at the school came into question as news spread among parents of the appearance before magistrates in Manchester of Edward Avis, who was accused of conspiring to import a controlled drug. Pamela McKee, the head teacher, said she expelled the girl because she was under pressure from other parents who were threatening to withdraw their children. She admitted she was wrong to send her home unaccompanied.

Elizabeth Avis, 36, Olivia's mother, from Childwall, said she was appalled by the school's behaviour and considered it outrageous her daughter could be punished for something her father was alleged to have done.

She said: "Olivia was terrified and crying her eyes out when she was put in the taxi. They put my daughter under serious risk by sending her home alone to a house that would have been empty if my other daughter had not been sick."

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Doctors predict record waiting lists for hospitals

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

All NHS trusts are to be compelled to hold their meetings in public. the Health Secretary said yesterday. Many already do. Frank Dobson told the annual health group meeting of the trade union Unison in Brighton, but those that did not would be forced to do so if Parliament approves regulations he is to put before it. He also outlined plans to make trust boards more representative of those they serve. Appointments to be made in November and December would include more NHS users, patients and carers.

HE health service is plunging towards financial crisis ith the prospect of record aiting lists, speakers at the ritish *Medical Association* nnual meeting claimed esterday.

There were warnings of ealthcare rationing, hospils overflowing with emerency cases, and GPs' waiting ooms filled with sick people eeding operations and hospil treatment.

Jim Johnson, a surgeon who hairs the hospital consultants ommittee, said the prospects ere fearsome. "We are aleady being asked to do more or the same money. Unless here are more funds we will ee that non-emergency work n hospitals will stop, and it vill stop sooner than last year. Ve will see patients lying on rolleys or being ferried round the countryside in mbulances trying to find a ed or intensive care."

Sandy Macara, chairman of he association, said he had xplained the situation to the Government but there was no ffer of extra resources. "I ave every sympathy for the government health team because they have been given the impossible job of delivering on the assurances given before the election to cut waiting lists by 100,000. The fact is that the lists are increasing and will reach record levels. Without more money here is no chance that they will decrease.

"We have a very big uphill struggle with the likelihood of a head-on clash between the Government and the public that had so many expectations when they elected it. We will have to become more and more aggressive. This Government deserves a honeymoon, but a honeymoon should demonstrate that a degree of long-term harmony is possible."

The association has called for an extra £1 billion in each of the next five years to make the service efficient. That would only cost an extra £17 a year or 30p a week per person, Dr Macara told the Edinburgh meeting.

Doctors also wanted a better pay deal. "Our new political masters must not continue to mistake dedication to our patients as signifying passivity," he said to warm applause. "We cannot continue to be forced to work in a system in which the pressures are those of a business-driven enterprise whilst the rewards are those of a care-driven service."

The conference overwhelmingly rejected motions calling for the introduction of charges for patients or bringing in a dedicated tax for healthcare. But members voted narrowly in favour of re-examing alternative methods of paying for the NHS "if it is no longer possible to do this adequately through prescription charges and taxation".

Jonathan Reggler, a GP from Marlow, Buckinghamshire, called on members to ask for charging as the only way to stop the health service from dying. "The BMA must stop wringing its hands, must stop bleating 'more tax' when it just won't happen," he said. The Labour Party had been forced to reinvent itself into a low-tax party in order to be electable, and it meant to keep that promise.

"If you accept that the burgeoning costs of the NHS cannot or will not be matched year after year by tax increases and that we must have new ways of providing funds, then you must support the idea of charges."

He was backed by Sir Anthony Grabham, a former BMA chairman. "It defies all our experience to expect the NHS ever will be properly funded by tax," he said. "It will be better for patients and better for doctors if we seek additional sources because then we might become less dependent on the Treasury."

Evan Harris, a junior doctor and newly elected Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said he was living proof that the public would vote for someone who called for increased taxation to pay for health. "We must have a proper debate and engage battle on fair direct taxation, which the Government, despite their claim to rule out nothing in their search for more money, appears to have excluded," he said. "The Health Secretary is faced with two options: increased funding or continued crisis: this is Dobson's choice."

But Peter Bennie, chairman of the junior doctors committee, captured the mood of the conference when he argued that charging would amount to putting a stake through the heart of the welfare state. "It is possible to do it through taxation and it is an affront to my principles that this association should even consider charging patients."

Chaand Nagpaul, a GP from Edgware in north London, said doctors were "caught in the cross-fire between the patient and the reality of the bankrupt NHS. Haphazard, covert rationing is going on at local levels and treatment depends totally on where you live."

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Sandy Macara, BMA chairman, said only extra funds could improve care

Empire is shut but the Palace show goes on

PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

The Palace of Westminster was finished just after Britain took Hong Kong, and just before St Pancras railway station opened. Britain as a nation was no older, then, than St Pancras is now. They are more recent than they seem, these ancient landmarks of British history.

As Britain's last significant colony was given away yesterday afternoon, you could be pardoned for concluding that the British Empire was over. The neo-Gothic palace constructed to crown it, however, was still going strong.

At Westminster, the scribblers were still scribbling, the kitchens still cooking, the printers still printing and the MPs still gassing, just as they did when Parliament returned to its reconstructed premises in 1851.

At that time it governed half the world. As the enterprise shrinks, the headquarters continue to flourish. Lamps burn late, with MPs' former responsibilities for India, world trade and policing the globe replaced by a concern for village speed limits, pelican crossings and the Arcola Street Social Security Office in Hackney.

Arcola Street was raised at Social Security Questions yesterday by the Labour MP for Hackney N & Stoke Newington, Diane Abbott. She wanted an assurance from the Secretary of State, Harriet Harman, that no single mother would be forced into taking a job "on pain of losing benefit". Ms Harman said there would be "no compulsion".

Her Minister of State, however, the faintly intimidating Frank Field, was less reassuring when asked about what he called "unveiling our plans for 'welfare to work'" for the under-25s.

"Each of them," breathed Mr Field, with silky menace, "is *very important* to us." Hearing him, your average yob might shudder and wish he were rather less important. But no, such was the "importance" of each that "there will therefore be four options". MPs gasped. *Four* options! Ah, continued Mr Field, but it was "the Prime Minister's view that there should be no fifth option: of remaining on benefit".

Put crudely, what Mr Field is saying to each important youth is "get your finger out or I'll send Tony round. Tony has views on young people who don't take training options. Very strong views. He gets awfully upset. That's how important you are to him."

Where Frank Field drops quite specific hints, the junior DHS minister John Denham plays safe with the blandest generalities. "There is no question," he mumbled yesterday in respose to inquiries about pensions policy, "of anyone receiving anything other than the right pension." Phew! Millions of senior citizens can sleep easy.

Ms Harman, meanwhile, has adopted a useful all-purpose answer to opposition spokesmen's attempts to pin her down after hints, dropped during the election campaign, of a more open-handed attitude to welfare benefits. "*Work*," she told her new Shadow, Iain Duncan-Smith, who had asked how she would help single mothers: what these people wanted was work, not benefits. Ms Harman makes those who harp on about benefits seem insensitive to the inner needs of the underclass.

A word of advice, finally, to Malcolm Wicks (Lab, Croydon N). There are probably better ways of phrasing the quandry facing pensioners who must choose between food and heating. As Mr Wicks put it, the "terrible judgment" of "whether to eat or heat their property" sounded terrible indeed.

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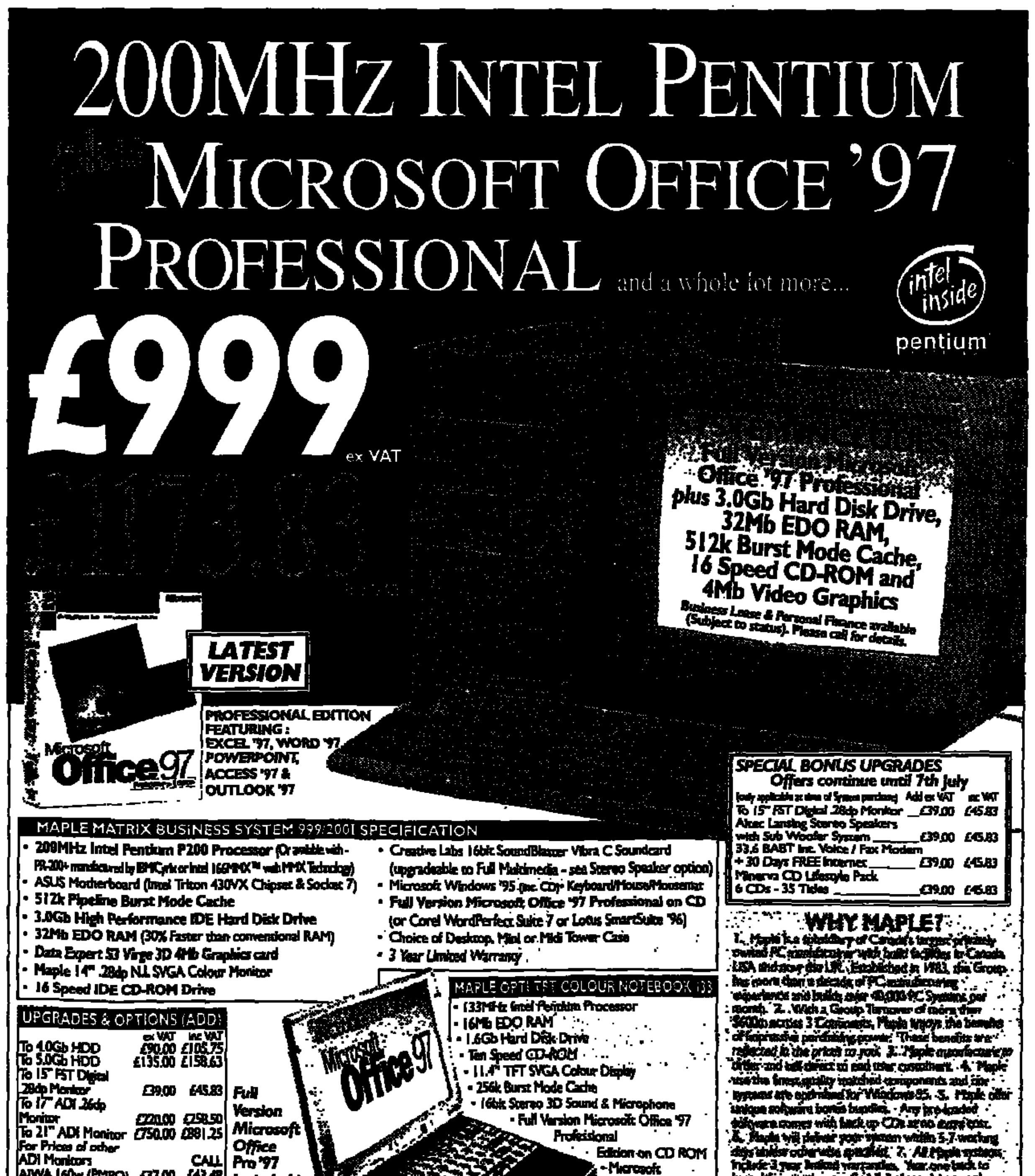
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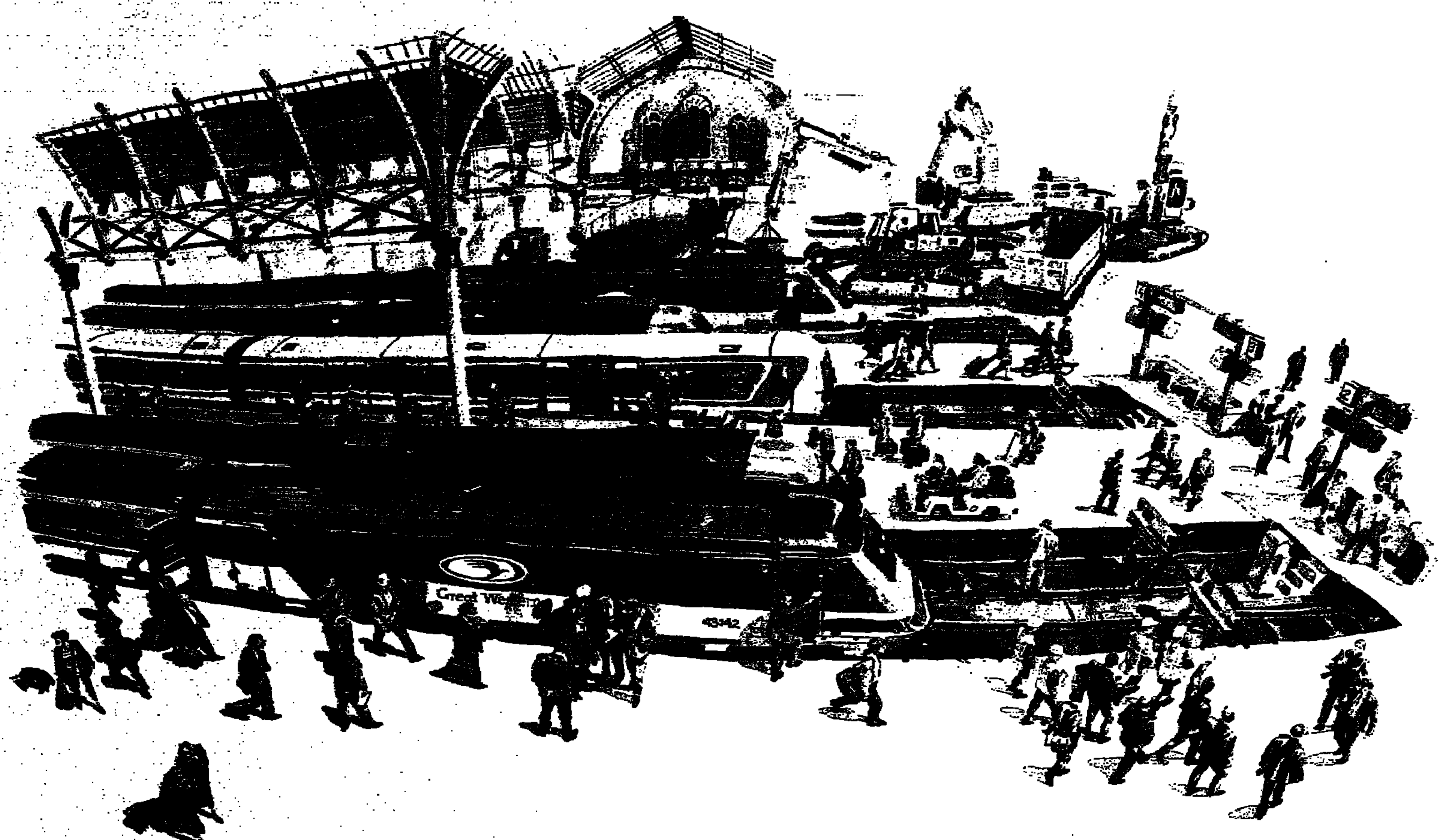

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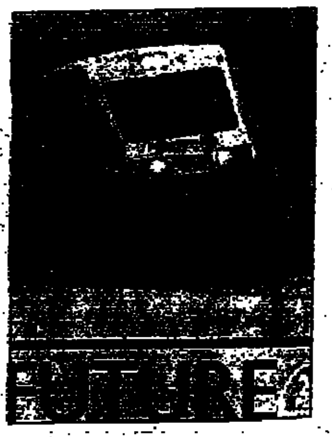

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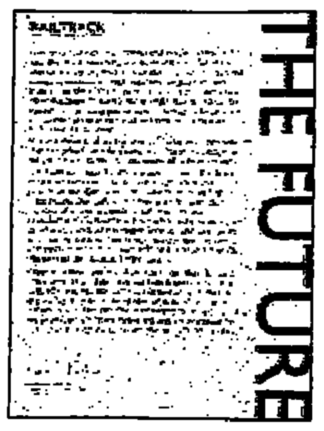

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'Moonlight' major's kidnap drama

he story of a daring mission to seize a German general s told in declassified SOE papers. **Michael Evans reports**

ECRET files released yester-ay tell the full story of one of e most dramatic incidents of e Second World War, the pecial Operations Executive ission to kidnap a German eneral in Crete.

The escapade was later rned into a feature film, *Ill et by Moonlight*, starring irk Bogarde. It was one of any SOE operations in Alba-ia, Bulgaria, Greece, Roma-ia and Yugoslavia that nvolved derring-do by legend-ry figures.

In a highly classified report, OE officer Major Paddy eigh-Fermor descibed lead-ng the team that captured eneral Heinrick Kreipe, divi-ional commander in Crete, in pril 1944. Major Leigh-ermor, formerly of the Intelli-ence Corps, and Captain 'Billy" Moss, from the oldstream Guards, were acked by seven Cretan gents. They later informed he German authorities that the general was in good hands nd would be treated as "an honourable prisoner of war".

The report was written in the language of an officer who kept his sense of humour, despite the appalling risks he and his team took. General Kreipe was commander of the 22nd Sebastopol (Bremen) Division. The SOE mission was to capture him and take him back to Britain.

Leigh-Fermor: drove through 22 roadblocks

Major Leigh-Fermor, who lives in Greece, described leaving for Heraklion dressed in a shepherd's costume to find the best ambush spot on the road between the German divisional HQ at Archanes and Knossos. He found a location where there was "a sharp twist in the road" that would force any vehicle to slow considerably. The plan was to seize the general under cover of darkness.

They had arranged an elaborate system to warn of the approaching car. An agent called Elias, parked near the German HQ, signalled with "one torch flash" to a scout further down the road. His job was to set off an electric bell at the "half a kilometre of flex" which was the signal for the final scout to flash his torch at the SOE end.

On the night of the kidnap the general appeared at 9.30pm. Major Leigh-Fermor wrote: "Moss and I waved red lamps up and down and the car stopped and we walked towards the two doors, drawing our pistols." The SOE major opened the right door, waved his torch inside and saw the general sitting beside the chauffeur. "He was easily recognised by his tabs, medals and iron crosses."

While he was asking the general for his papers, Captain Moss opened the other door, struck the driver hard with a life preserver, took him by the shoulders and threw him out to the waiting Cretans. Captain Moss then jumped into the driver's seat. Major Leigh-Fermor grabbed the general, handcuffed and bound him, and put him in the back of a car next to three Cretans with sub-machine-guns and knives.

Major Leigh-Fermor says: "I put on the general's hat and sat in his seat beside Moss, who started up the engine and headed for Heraklion." They drove through 22 road blocks, ignoring sentries who tried to stop them. The general "volunteered his word of honour not to escape".

The SOE men left a sealed letter addressed to the German authorities in Crete announcing the general had been taken prisoner by British officers and that by the time they read the contents, he would be on his way to Cairo. When they abandoned the car, they left a British overcoat inside as corroborative detail.

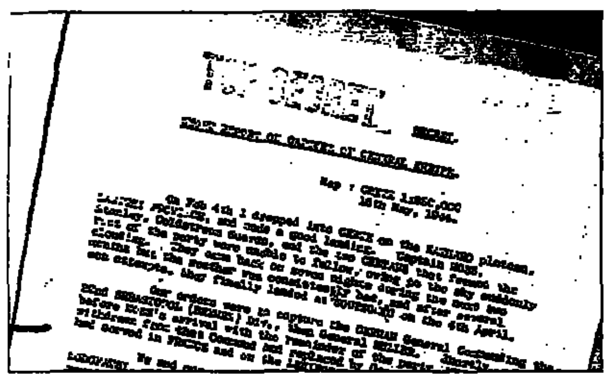
The letter to the German authorities ended with the words *Auf baldiges wiedersehen* (Goodbye, see you soon). They added a PS: "We are very sorry to leave this motor car behind."

The secret document, dated May 16, 1944, recounts how they took the general on an elaborate trek through the mountains to reach a beach in the south, where arrangements had been made by the SOE's Force 133 Unit for the Special Boat Service to pick them up.

Major Leigh-Fermor was awarded the DSO and Captian Moss the Military Cross. A Foreign Office note attached to Major Leigh-Fermor's report said: "It is really a magnificent exploit."

After the war, Patrick Leigh-Fermour wrote several highly-regarded travel books and three volumes of autobiography. But it was Billy Moss, who has died, who wrote the book on which the Michael Powell/Emeric Pressburger film was based.

The story, and many others, are are detailed in the 969 declassified files released by the Public Record Office yesterday.



Major Leigh-Fermor's report of the general's kidnap

General Kreipe, played by Marius Goring in *Ill Met by Moonlight*, is helped by Patrick Leigh-Fermor (Dirk Bogarde, right) and Billy Moss (David Oxley) as they make their way over the mountains to be picked up by boat

Diary entry, June 13, 1943: 'More plotting and conspiracy'

A DIARY by an SOE officer provides an extraordinary insight into the character and temperament of the men whose role in the Second World War was to carry out sabotage operations behind enemy lines and to support resistance movements.

Major David Smiley, who operated covertly in Albania, filled the diary with anecdotes and descriptions that belied the danger he and his fellow officers faced, first from the Italians and then the Germans.

On Saturday April 17, 1943, he wrote of leaving for Albania in a Halifax aircraft with three other SOE officers, including Lieutenant Colonel Billy McLean. "Left 8.30pm, read *Horse & Hound* on the plane."

When they parachuted at between 2,000ft and 3,000ft, Major Smiley and Lieutenant Colonel McLean nearly collided on the way down. Major Smiley landed "very badly" and tore a muscle. His diary recorded: "Warmly greeted by a guerrilla with a beard who kissed me on both cheeks and lifted me up."

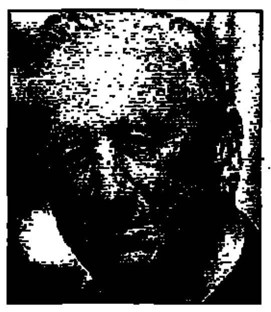
There are frequent references to food. At one location, they were given a "colossal" dinner. At a place called Polican, he and Lieutenant Colonel McLean went to a wedding "where Bill and I kissed firstly the priest, secondly the Bible, thirdly the bride and fourthly the bridegroom".

By May 17, 1943, Major Smiley was in civilian clothes "like a partisan, with the red star in my hat and giving the Communist salute to whomever I met". He wrote: "I considered this very infra-dig from an officer of His Majesty's Royal Horse Guards!"

His diary entry for June 13 reads: "More plotting and conspiracy." A message came through the same day that a wireless operator was being sent to join him. But instead of dropping the man close by, he landed the equivalent of a three-week walk away. By the time the operator arrived, he had lost most of his kit in a fight with the Italians "but he still had the wireless set".

In between laying mines, ambushing enemy troop trucks, training the local partisans and befriending Enver Hoxha, their leader, Major Smiley had time to appreciate the countryside and a few leisure hours. On Thursday, September 8, he wrote: "Went fishing with gelignite but only got two very small trout."

On November 5, 1943, with Albania in the hands of German occupying forces after the capitulation of the Italians, Major Smiley wrote in his diary that Lieutenant Colonel McLean had been shown the graves of 65 Italian officers. They had been "brutally murdered by the Huns". The villagers who had to bury them said: "Their hands had been tied and they had been machine-gunned and bayoneted to death."



Smiley: went fishing with gelignite

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hamilton asks for more time

The Standards and Privileges Committee of MPs will decide tonight whether to accept a request from Neil Hamilton, the former minister, to delay publication of Sir Gordon Downey's report into the cash for questions investigation. It is expected on Thursday or early next week, but Mr Hamilton wants a chance to study its findings first.

Guns surrender

Shooters across Britain are expected to surrender up to 160,000 legally-held larger calibre pistols to police over the next three months, starting today. Ownership of larger handguns will be illegal after October 1.

Festival reward

The organisers of the Glastonbury Festival offered a £5,000 reward in the hunt for three men who attacked James O'Donnell, 26, from Merseyside, with baseball bats, leaving him critically ill in hospital.

£15m aid grant

A £15 million education grant to teach one million primary school children in Malawi is be announced by the Government today. The money will pay for the recruitment of 46,000 primary school teachers.

Quiz returns

Radio 4 is to revive the 50-year-old *Round Britain Quiz*. It came off the air last year after the death of one of its two chairmen, Gordon Clough, but will return in August with the news presenter Nick Clarke in the role.

Second thought

One second was added to clocks last night to counter the slowing of the Earth. The "leap second" was the twenty-first since 1972, when steps were taken to ensure atomic clocks matched the time measured by Earth's rotation.

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Irish Sea radioactive dumping exposed

■ Environmentalists are demanding an inquiry over waste secretly sunk over two decades in waters used by fishing vessels. Gillian Bowditch reports

THE Government admitted yesterday that radioactive waste was secretly dumped in a busy shipping channel in the Irish Sea in the 1950s and 1960s despite 13 years of official denials. The Government is being urged to hold a public inquiry into the way ministers, MPs and the public were misled.

The Scottish Office confirmed that two tonnes of "low to intermediate-level" radioactive waste were dumped in Beaufort's Dyke, between Scotland and Ireland, in metal drums encased in concrete. The news has angered environmentalists who for the past decade had been repeatedly assured that no radioactive waste was deposited.

Beaufort's Dyke, a 894ft trench, is already the subject of controversy after more than 4,000 phosphorous flares, dumped there in the wake of the Second World War, were washed up on Ayrshire, Clyde and Argyll beaches in the past three years.

The site was a dump for hundreds of thousands of tonnes of munitions — including shells, bombs, landmines, grenades, and rockets — until 1973. Some of the munitions were dropped in shallow waters outside the designated dump.

Yesterday the Scottish Office said there was no threat from the radioactive material, which, according to a spokeswoman, was well within safety guidelines. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, which has been monitoring the Beaufort's Dyke Channel, refused to comment ahead of a parliamentary question expected in the House of Commons today.

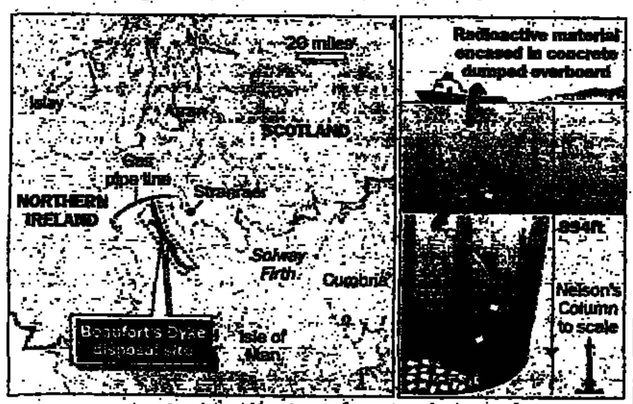
But MPs and environmentalists said they were deeply concerned at the news. Alasdair Morgan, Scottish National Party MP for Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, said: "I am horrified by these latest revelations. Three ferry routes cross the site. It is regularly used by fishing vessels and is close to a gas pipeline being built between Scotland and Northern Ireland. Yet, despite the safety, environmental and economic considerations at stake, successive British governments have behaved in an appalling and irresponsible fashion."

Richard Dixon, head of research for Friends of the Earth, said that the unstable material dumped in the area had to be brought to the surface and dealt with. "It is unbelievable that you can have two tonnes of radioactive waste sitting in the sea six miles off the coast and the Government claims not to know about it."

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Office said that the government documents detailing the radioactive waste had always been in the Public Records Office at Kew in west London. When asked why they had not been found before, she replied: "We weren't looking in the right place. We did not know they were there. Ministers did not deliberately mislead. They answered the questions in good faith."

The waste is believed to have come from university laboratories and three companies, Babcock and Wilcox, Ferranti and Luminisers. The bulk of it is believed to be glass containers, iodine solution and luminous paint used on the dials of aircraft instruments.

None of the waste is believed to come from the nuclear industry but environmentalists are concerned that some of it has been ingested by plankton and then fish, and could get into the human food chain.



Admission fuels anger at Britain

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

THE Irish reacted with fury to the British admission that radioactive material was dumped in the Irish Sea.

Politicians and anti-nuclear groups said the announcement confirmed their long-held belief that the British Government was not telling the truth about the nuclear industry.

Michael Woods, the Marine Minister, expressed "deep concern" at the revelations. He demanded that full information be provided as "firm assurances had been given in the past that no radioactive material had been dumped".

In recent years the campaign for action against the British nuclear industry — and Sellafield in particular — has grown. Four residents of Dundalk, on the East Coast, are trying to close down Sellafield by suing British Nuclear Fuels for endangering the lives of Irish people.

James McGuill, solicitor for the four, said that yesterday's disclosures would strengthen their case.

He added: "The fact that this information has now emerged shows the deliberate suppression of information and misinformation carried out for years in a very reckless manner by the British authorities. It shows that you simply cannot trust the British Government and BNFL."

John Gormley, one of the two Green Party MPs in the Dail, accused the British authorities of lying to the British and Irish people. He said: "They have said that there was no real dumping place except in the Atlantic. Now they are saying it is harmless. How can we believe these people?"

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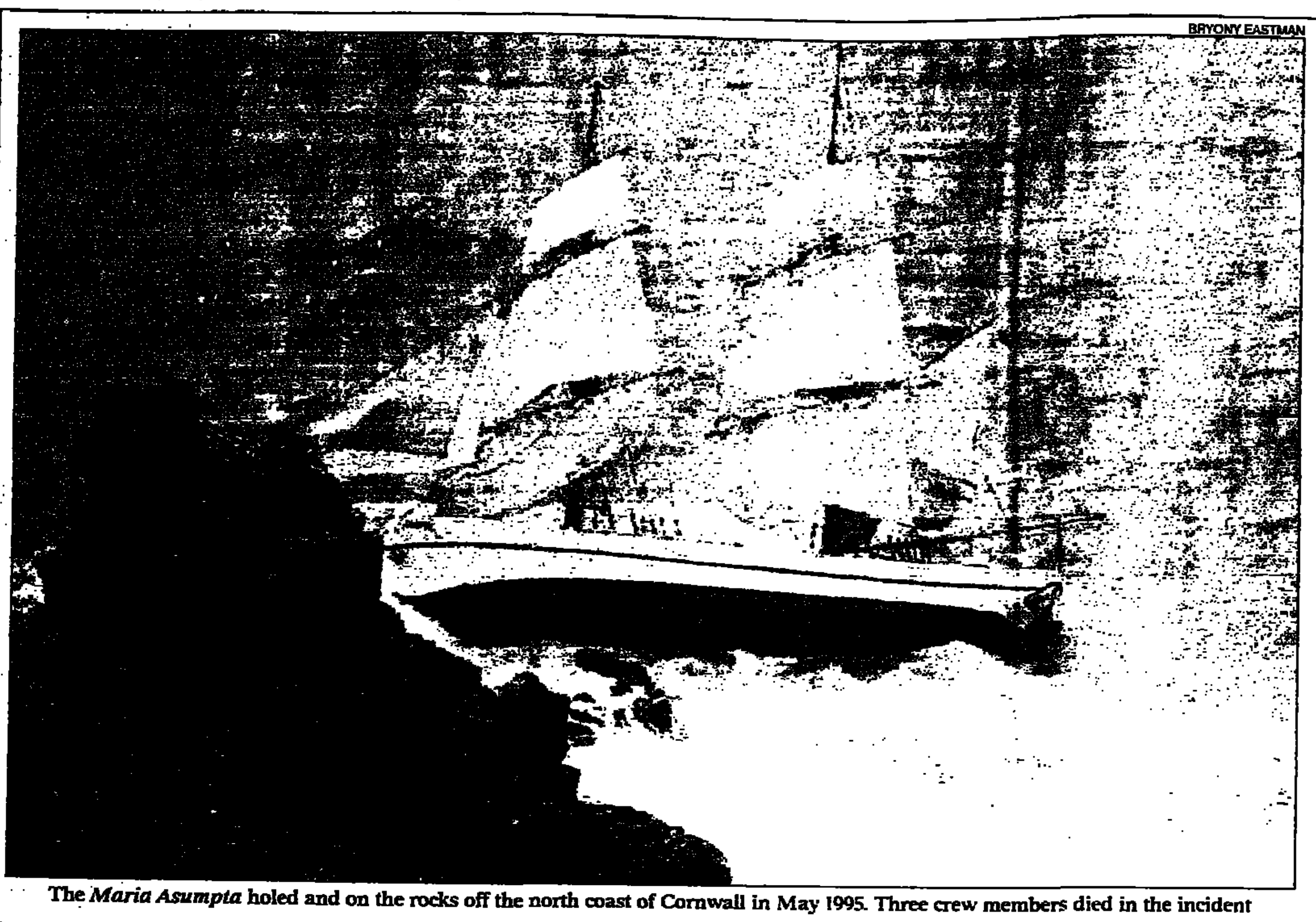

BRYONY EASTMAN

The *Maria Asumpta* holed and on the rocks off the north coast of Cornwall in May 1995. Three crew members died in the incident

Tallship skipper on death charges

By Tim Jones

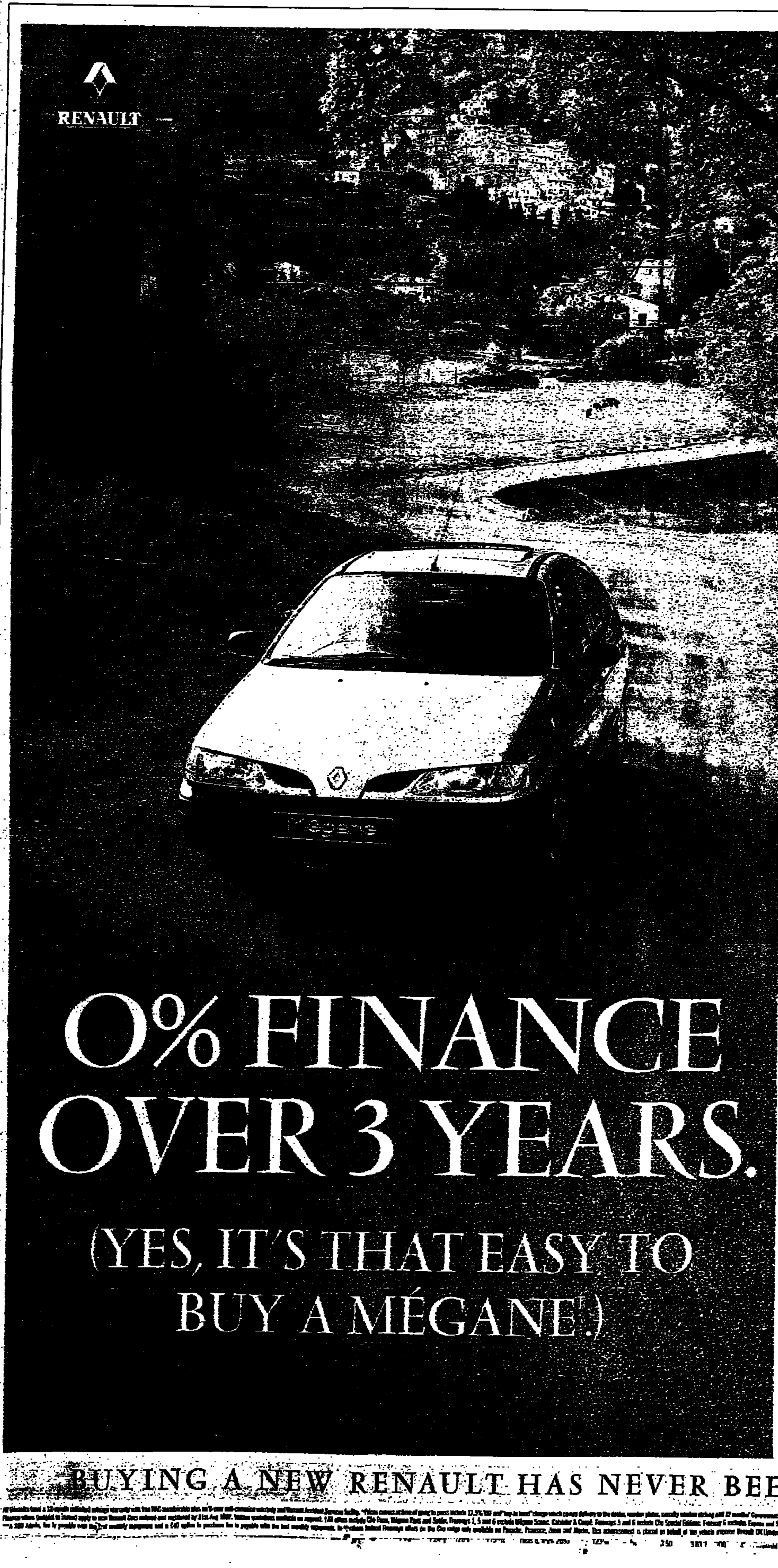
THE owner and skipper of what is believed to have been the world's oldest working square-rigged sailing vessel went on trial yesterday charged with the manslaughter of three crew members.

Mark Litchfield, 56, was among 11 survivors when the 137-year-old tallship *Maria Asumpta* was wrecked as it approached Padstow, off the north coast of Cornwall, in May 1995. He denies that his gross negligence was a substantial cause of the deaths.

Anne Taylor, 50, from Wallingford, Oxfordshire, Emily MacFarlane, 19, from Felixstowe, and John Shannon, 24, from Queensland, were lost in the incident. Mr Litchfield, from Boxley, Kent, pleaded not guilty to manslaughter at an earlier hearing, Exeter Crown Court was told.

The charge alleges that, as the ship's master and owner, he owed a duty of reasonable care to those who sailed on it.

The trial continues.



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Failure in basic school lessons haunts adult underclass for life

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

LOW levels of literacy and numeracy have a damaging impact on almost every aspect of adult life, according to a survey published yesterday, which offers evidence of a developing underclass.

Tests and interviews with hundreds of people born in a single week in 1958 graphically illustrated the handicap of educational under-achievement. The effects were seen in unemployment, family breakdown, low incomes, depression and social inactivity.

Those who left school at 16 with poor basic skills had been employed for up to four years less than good readers by the time they reached 37. Professor John Bynner, of City University, who carried out the research, said that today's unqualified teenagers would face even greater problems because the supply of manual jobs had dried up.

Almost one in five of the 1,700 people interviewed for yesterday's report had poor literacy skills and almost half struggled with numeracy, a proportion in line with other surveys for the Basic Skills Agency. Some could not read aloud from a child's book, and most found difficulty in following written instructions.

Poor readers were twice as likely to be on a low wage and four times as likely to live in a household where neither partner worked. Women in this position were five times as likely to be classified as depressed, while both sexes tended to feel they had no control over their lives, and to be less trusting of others.

Those with low literacy and numeracy skills were seldom involved in any community organisation and much less likely than others to have voted in a general election. There had been no improvement in the level of interviewees reporting problems since the sample was surveyed at the age of 21.

Alan Wells, the agency's director, said: "The results emphasise the dangers we face of developing an underclass of excluded people, out of work, increasingly depressed and often labelled by themselves as failures. There is a vicious circle of marginalisation, with the dice loaded against these people and their families."

Last year, almost half of 11-year-olds left primary school without reaching the expected level in English and mathematics. Mr Wells welcomed ministers' commitment to improving basic skills. He said, however, that imaginative programmes were needed, possibly including incentives for participating, if the problems were not to persist in the adult population.

Only 300,000 people out of more than 5 million thought to have poor basic skills take remedial courses each year. Mr Wells said that a "major catch-up initiative" would benefit society as well as the individuals concerned.

"It is not just that 20 per cent have been getting nothing out of education in the last five years, but maybe 50 years," he said. "The long tail of under-achievement is something we have always had."

The survey is part of the National Child Development Study, which has tracked 17,000 people at five-yearly intervals since 1958. The current study involved eight reading and nine mathematical tests of varying difficulty. They included the ability to use a Yellow Pages directory to find a plumber and calculating the floorspace of a room.

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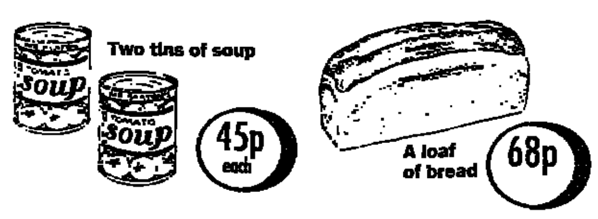

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Very low ability	Low	Average/good
55%	33%	13%

WOMEN ANSWERING WRONGLY

Very low ability	Low	Average/good
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MEN ANSWERING WRONGLY

Q	Very low ability	Low	Average/good
a	33%	13%	3%
b	3%	1%	0%

WOMEN ANSWERING WRONGLY

Q	Very low ability	Low	Average/good
a	29%	11%	3%
b	10%	0%	1%

Michael Hickey leaving court after admitting theft

Bridgewater Four man is fined £200 for stealing ring

By Adrian Lee

ONE of the men convicted of killing the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater stole a diamond ring while on bail awaiting the result of his appeal, a court was told yesterday.

Michael Hickey's crime was blamed on the extreme difficulty he had had coming to terms with his release from prison after 18 years. He was fined £200 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, where he admitted theft. A charge of carrying an offensive weapon was dismissed after the prosecution offered no evidence.

Jim Nichol, solicitor for Hickey, 35, said: "There is a sense of deep despair which pervades his life, where he often finds himself in tears." He trusted "precisely nobody" and the joy of his release in February, when he kissed the ground outside the Court of Appeal, had not continued.

"That looked good, but the reality is considerably different," Mr Nichol said. Hickey had, so far, declined offers of help, including one from John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, and had not signed on for social security benefit.

After the hearing, Hickey's mother, Ann Whelan, said: "He has got enormous hurdles in his way: he looked at life through mesh and bars for nearly two decades. When you're in prison for something you didn't do, every day is torture. And we have to remember he went in as a teenager and he's got to learn to be an adult.

"He's just very sad at the moment. He did this to demonstrate that he's been thrown out without money. He didn't need to do it: he's got us, he's got friends."

The court was told that Hickey, of Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, was shown an 18-carat solitaire ring at a jeweller's in Birmingham. He tried it on, then ran from the shop but was chased and caught.

Tony Baker, for the prosecution, said Hickey had been with a group of men who decided to go shoplifting on June 7. "He said he would have given the ring to the lads to sell for him, and they would have gone for a drink together." Hickey was ordered to pay £55 costs.

☐ In May the Court of Appeal reserved judgment on the appeal by Hickey and the two other surviving members of the Bridgewater Four. The High Court was told that the appeal was likely to succeed. Carl Bridgewater was shot when he interrupted a burglary in 1978.

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Darts stars let freedom go to their stomachs

Damian Whitworth on a bull's eye in the courts

AT THREE minutes past 11 yesterday morning, The George pub across the Strand from the Royal Courts of Justice was full. It is not usually such a squeeze so soon after opening time but some of the world's top darts players, with their beer bellies and associated hangers-on, were out in force after hitting the bull's eye in a legal fight to be able to compete worldwide.

Fourteen players, including Eric "the crafty Cockney" Bristow, Dennis "the menace" Priestley, "Big" Cliff Lazarenko and their world champion Phil Taylor, had sued the British Darts Organisation, claiming it had an unfair monopoly on events.

When they broke away from the BDO in 1993 and formed their own organisation, the World Darts Council, they were banned from all BDO competitions. This, they argued, had made them pariahs, unable to earn a living from the game. After days of out-of-court negotiations, Andrew Hochhauser, QC, representing the players, told Mr Justice Potts that a compromise had been reached for "peaceful-co-existence".

The WDC dropped its claim for damages and changed its name to the Professional Darts Council. In return, both sides agreed that players could participate in all competitions, whoever ran them, and take part in exhibition matches and promote and endorse darts products.

Eric Bristow, the former world champion and one of the best-known faces in the game, led the stampede to the pub afterwards. "This is a great day for the sport of darts," he said, knocking back a pint of Guinness.

"The ban has been lifted. The BDO and the WDC have made their peace. For the first time in four years I am free to play darts in competitions all over the world. The dark days are over — that must be good news for everyone."

For example, he said, the lifting of the ban on PDC players meant that he could now take part in exhibition matches with amateur pub and club players who, as BDO members, had been barred from competing with him.

"This action was never about money but about our freedom to play who we liked on a local or international level, and where we liked."

The George did not have a darts board but the players had taken their own. Bristow expressed a keenness to challenge his QC, Mr Hochhauser, to a game.

A chant of "Hochy on the oche" went up but sadly the silk, who had apparently never played darts before, failed to materialise and it was left to more expansive girths to take up the challenge.

Defying image-makers who tried to remove their pint glasses, from left, Peter Evison, Eric Bristow, Dennis Priestley and Phil Taylor

A PR man for the new PDC tried at one point to remove the pint glasses from the hands of the players as they posed for photographers. It was not the right image any-more, he murmured.

He was very swiftly and clearly put in his place. "What do you mean, we don't drink any more?" Bristow asked.

Absent from the party was Olly Croft, general secretary of the BDO and the chief power behind the organisation for many years.

Outside the court he said: "I am not disappointed at the result — I'm pleased. But it's a shame this was not done years ago. We tried for months to get meetings but nothing got resolved."

There will continue to be two world championships. Because of the time overlap, players will not be able to participate in both. Mr Croft said: "There will still be two world championships but the difference is that our champion will be champion of half a million players throughout the world. Theirs will be champion of 20-odd."

Policeman is accused of sex and cash plot

By Richard Duce

A POLICE sergeant ran an extortion racket from a London police station, blackmailing prostitutes into giving him money and sex in a case that read like a bestseller, a court was told yesterday.

Linda Dobbs, for the prosecution, told Knightsbridge Crown Court: "This case is about sex, blackmail and corruption. You may think it has all the ingredients for a place at the top of the fictional bestseller list. But, we are, dealing with real life."

She said that Ian Vale, 37, convinced two prostitutes, Shirley Campbell and a woman known only as Miss L, that he was powerful enough to pull strings with the vice squad: in return for thousands of pounds, he could offer them protection from prosecution and police raids. In fact he had no such connections, Miss Dobbs said, and was responsible for police supervision of the Earls Court exhibition centre. He had eventually been trapped when police taped him threatening one of the women.

Sergeant Vale had singled out his first victim, Mrs Campbell, in March 1993 after she was arrested at a house in Earls Court that neighbours had complained was being used as a brothel. After she was bailed, he had asked if she was interested in paying £1,000 a month and having regular sex with him as insurance against future raids. She had refused and Sergeant Vale had given her 48 hours to leave the property. "He had no right or authority to do that," Miss Dobbs said.

Sergeant Vale was said to have traced Mrs Campbell to her new address and told her she would be prosecuted for running a brothel unless she paid him £5,000 and had sex with him. In June 1993, Mrs Campbell had handed over the money in a room at Kensington police station.

In March 1994, Miss Dobbs said, Sergeant Vale had told his second victim, Miss L, that in return for £300 a month, he would ensure protection for her. She had called in the police.

Sergeant Vale, of Claygate, Surrey, denies eight charges involving blackmail, corruption and the procurement of sexual intercourse by threats.

The trial continues.

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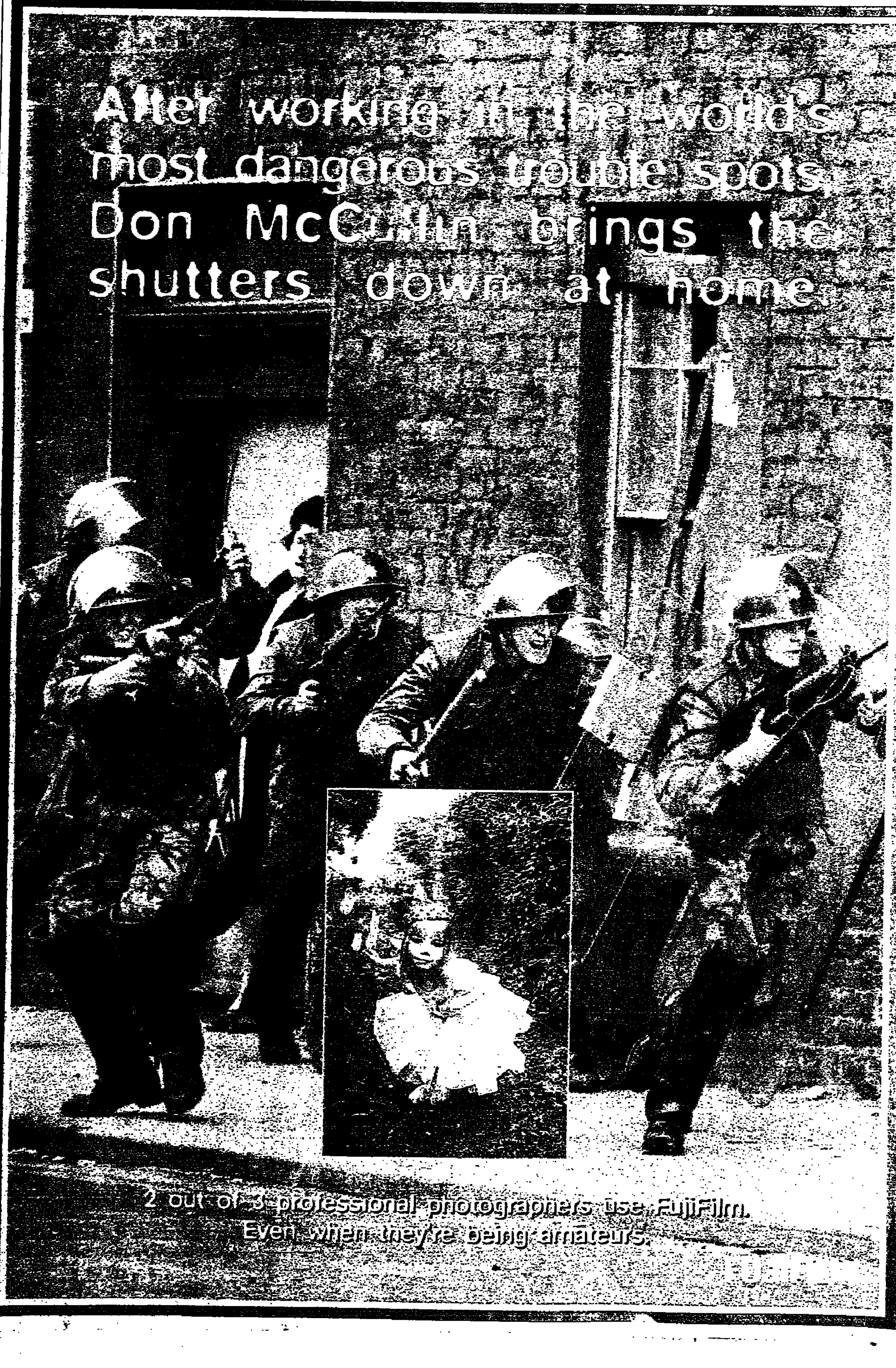
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Power station may be reopened to burn BSE cows

By Michael Hornsby

A REDUNDANT power station may be used to burn hundreds of thousands of tonnes of BSE-infected carcasses, turning them into electricity, Jack Cunningham, the Minister of Agriculture, said that energy companies had wanted to charge exorbitant sums for the job.

Buying or leasing a power station would be a way of recouping some of the huge costs of the "scandalous" mismanagement by the previous Tory administration of the BSE crisis, he said.

Speaking after opening the annual Royal Agricultural Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, Dr Cunningham said that the companies' proposed charges had been "off the scale". "One of the alternatives I have asked should be examined is whether we, the ministry, should not acquire a redundant power station ourselves."

Last week the Environment Agency said that cattle waste could be burnt alongside coal in power stations with negligible risk to public health. The chances of any person contracting CJD, the human equivalent of BSE, from exposure to power station emissions would be as low as one in 30,000 million, it said.

The Government is estimated to be spending more than £250,000 a week on storing 220,000 tonnes of meat and bone meal and 122,000 tonnes of tallow at sites around the country. Several thousand more tonnes are added every week. The waste comes from slaughtering 1.5 million cattle older than 30 months since May of last year.

Older animals are regarded as more likely to be harbouring BSE. The peak of the slaughter has passed, as most farms have got rid of their backlog of older animals. But about 15,000 cattle, mainly elderly dairy cows, are still being culled every week.

Jeff Rooker, the Food Safety Minister, said there were several redundant coal-fired power stations that might be available. "If the waste is burnt at 850 degrees centigrade, the resulting ash is safe and can be disposed of in landfill sites," he said.

Earlier Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said he was outraged by the Government's decision to cut farmers' compensation for culling from £500 to £320 an animal.

BEEF BAN

Burger King, Britain's second biggest burger chain, may follow McDonald's in ending a 15-month ban on British beef. David Williams, the company's managing director for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, is to meet the Agriculture Minister this afternoon to discuss the situation.

BRUCE SEABROOK

Joshua Quigley and his mother Zoey, who said the hospital failed to explain how his delivery had damaged his scalp

Hair-loss boy sues hospital over birth

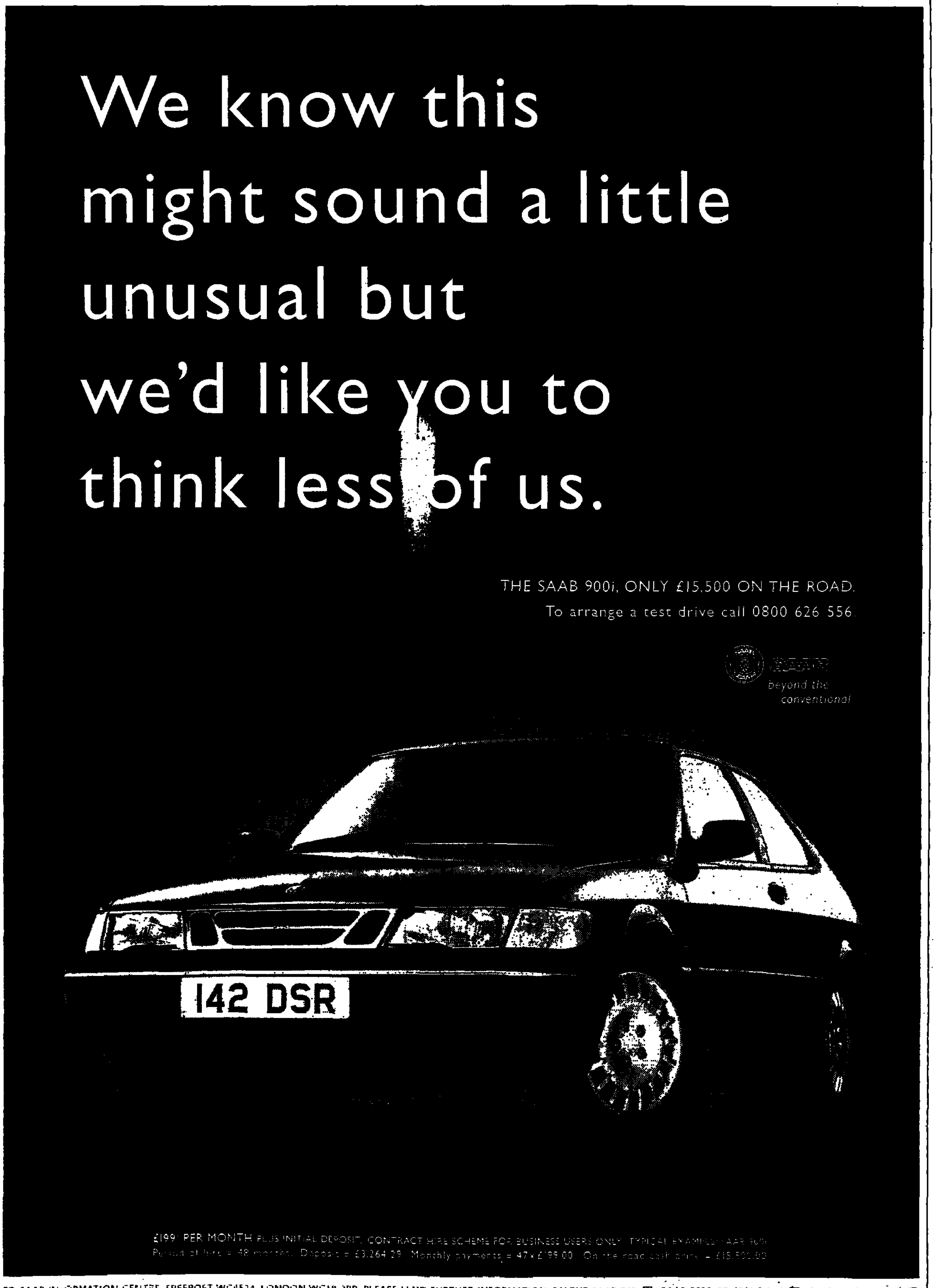
By Frances Gibb

A BOY aged two has won legal aid to sue an NHS trust after his birth by a method of delivery known as ventouse extraction left him partially bald.

Joshua Quigley of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, can only grow tufts of hair on part of his scalp after it was scarred by the increasingly common technique. A ventouse cap, which acts like a sink plunger, was used by staff at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital to deliver him.

It is alleged that the process ripped a layer of skin, containing hair follicles, from Joshua's head. Specialists have said it may never be possible for him to grow hair.

His mother, Zoey, said: "I think the worst thing for me was being sent away from Gloucestershire Royal Hospital without an explanation or apology."



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Synod urged to put prayer before politics

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE Church of England's parliament should pray more and stop trying to ape the antics of MPs, according to a review published yesterday.

The review, chaired by Lord Bridge of Harwich, concludes that the General Synod is confrontational and divisive. It says that the members should pause for prayer regularly during debates and abandon procedures that mirror Westminster, such as the call of "Divide" before votes are taken.

Such procedures give a misleading impression that Church government is about democracy, which it is not, the report says. Lord Bridge also recommends that the synod be reduced in size by about one third, to make it more cost-effective.

The synod, like the Commons elected for a five-year term, opens with a service at Westminster Abbey attended by the Queen. The triannual debates normally begin with prayers and there is a ten-minute act of worship at the start of each day.

There have been occasional unscheduled pauses for prayer, such as before the final approval of the ordination of women in November 1992.

"Such pauses, which need not only precede voting, serve as a reminder that the shared task of synod is to wait on God," the report says. "We believe that prayer and spirituality should be a thread running through the whole life of the synod."

The report suggests that the interest group system, which mirrors the party system in Parliament, heightens the scope for dissension at the synod. "There is nothing inherently un-Christian about deciding matters by vote, although the irony of the legal adviser heralding the General Synod's moment of decision with the instruction to 'divide' has not escaped us." It is suggested that when a vote is taken, it would be more appropriate for members to be urged to "Vote".

The recommendations will be debated by the synod and are unlikely to be introduced before 2005 if accepted.

☐ The Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Roy Williamson, is to retire at the end of the year. The bishop, who has had heart problems, will leave just after his 65th birthday.

Previously Bishop of Bradford, he is from the evangelical wing of the Church. He moved to Southwark in 1991 and was at the centre of controversy over the cathedral's decision to host a service for the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement last year.

Into the future with new heart

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE 71-year-old man who has become Britain's oldest heart transplant patient has been discharged from Harefield Hospital and is already fit enough to attend outpatients.

When Professor Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant in 1969 he chose an elderly man with severe heart failure. The procedure was experimental but since the patient had little chance of surviving more than a week without surgery he seemed ideal.

Now, with pressure on scarce surgical resources, younger people with a potentially longer lifespan and usually heavier family commitments would seem the more suitable patients.

Heart transplantation has become so efficient that it is an accepted treatment for some cases in which the heart is in gross failure. By operating a very strict selection system based on the patient's general health and by achieving good crossmatching, about 90 per cent of patients who have a heart transplant survive for at least a year and 70 per cent are fit enough to return to work.

Donor hearts are taken from younger people and, since they have to be in optimal condition, are in even shorter supply than other organs for transplantation. The recipient needs to be fit, apart from his heart disease, and in particular needs to be free of lung troubles and have well-functioning kidneys.

The scarcity of donor hearts means it is unlikely that many people of 71 satisfy the criteria. The Harefield pensioner was lucky because he was the only person on the hospital's transplant waiting list who had the same rare tissue as the donor.

Even after discharge from hospital the patient's troubles are not over. The coronary blood vessels in a transplanted heart suffer from accelerated ageing, graft atherosclerosis, which in a quarter of cases can cause serious complications.

As with all transplants there is the danger of rejection. The drugs used to suppress rejection also suppress the body's immune system so the patient becomes susceptible to infection and malignant disease.

The transplanted heart will enable the patient, whatever his or her age, to return to a lifestyle enjoyed before becoming ill, but it will not restore vanished youth to an old man.

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Customs cracks £65m drug connection

Stewart Tendler reports on a gang of criminals whose cocaine and cannabis smuggling stretched through Gibraltar to South America

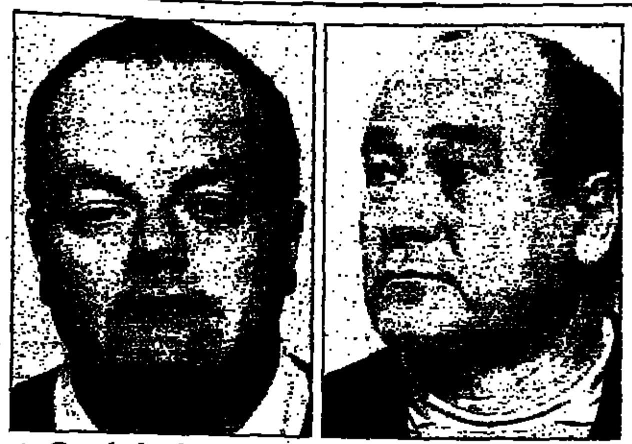
THE longest surveillance operation ever mounted by British Customs finally broke cover yesterday. As 13 people faced sentence after a series of trails, a legal black-out ended for the details of the 18-month investigation codenamed Stealer, which netted cocaine worth £57 million, cannabis worth another £8 million, and leading members of the south London underworld.

The smugglers' drug ring operated on three continents and bought them a luxury lifestyle including a convertible Mercedes and a £40,000 yacht. A senior investigator said: "Stealer has shown that we can get at the main players, not just the middle men and their associates. By acting on the evidence we can take out the big boys as well."

The gang behind the ring included Anthony White, acquitted 13 years ago of taking part in the £26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery. He could now face life imprisonment.

Yesterday a court order banning reporting on a series of inter-linked cases over the past two years was lifted. Seven defendents will be sentenced at the end of this week at Bristol Crown Court, and another six next week. Overall, Stealer was responsible for 44 arrests and six trials in Britain, Spain and France.

Launched in 1993, Operation Stealer targeted the south London underworld which Customs officers believed played a big role in illegal drug supplies. A team of up to 30 officers began long-term close surveillance on White and his lieutenant, John Short. They also watched Brian Doran, a criminal from Glasgow, when he returned from Colombia near the end of 1993 to make arrangements to smuggle in major consignments. He worked from luxury London hotels, including the exclusive Lanesborough and was joined by fellow Scot Kenneth Togher.



Caught by Customs' longest surveillance: above, Togher, left, and White. Below, Doran and Short

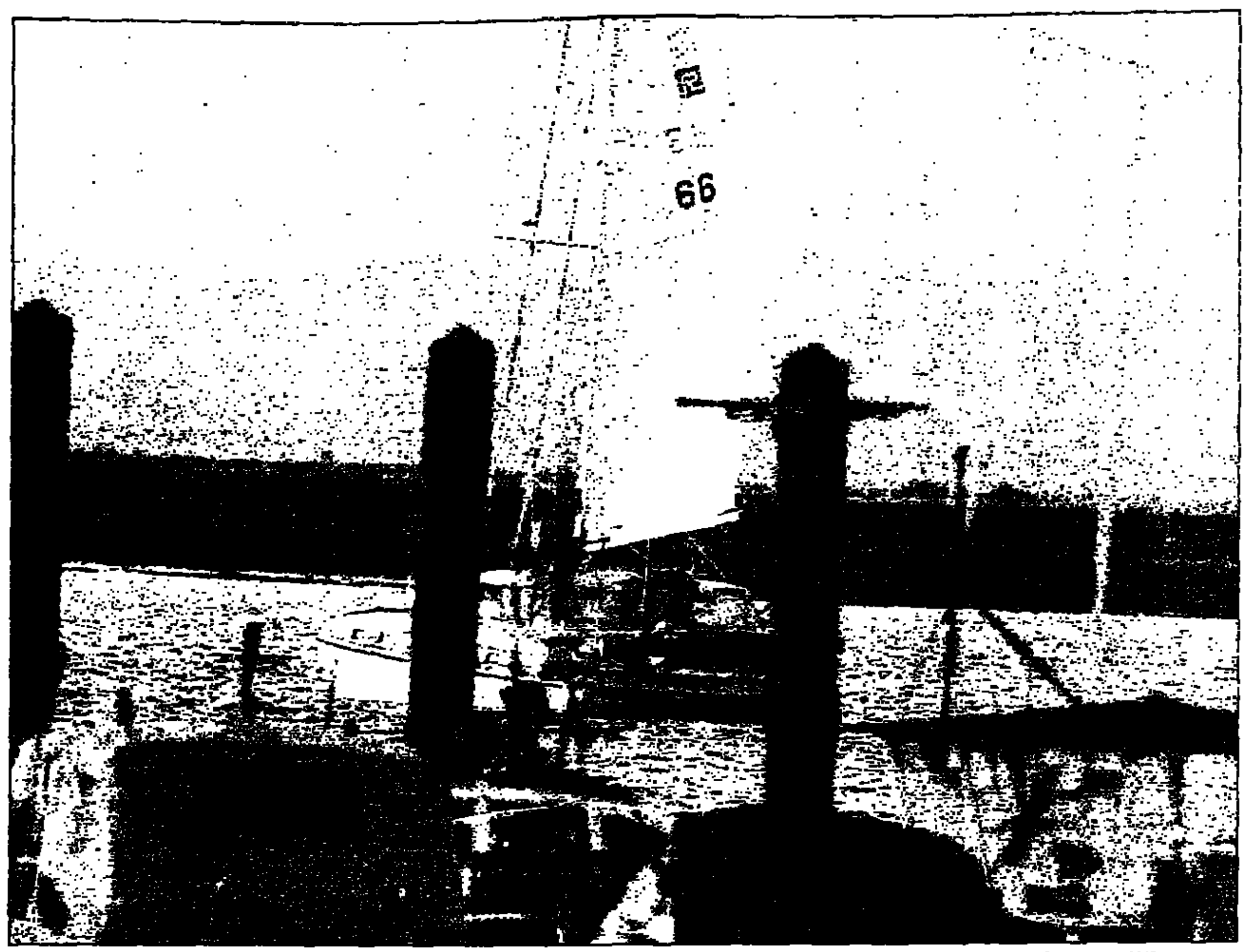
Customs officers were watching as the ring leaders met in clubs, pubs, London Zoo and the Tate Gallery. In September 1993, Togher's luggage was secretly searched while he was in transit between London and Glasgow; he had £250,000 in two suitcases. In a secret visit to Doran's room at the Lanesborough, officers found £10,000 and photographed personal documents, including bank transfers to Colombia involving false names.

The first arrests came in February 1994 after one of the gang was trailed to Madrid. Spanish authorities found 35 kg of cocaine in luggage and 100 kg of cannabis resin in air conditioning ducts.

In September, Customs officers followed a VW camper van that White had bought. It was driven to Dover and taken across the Channel. In France the number plates were put on another camper that had arrived in France from Spain. That camper was loaded with drink to give the appearance of returning from a "booze run". When the camper arrived in Dover, Customs officers found 22 kg of cocaine concealed under a false floor.

Customs investigators were also watching as a lorry that had travelled from Gibraltar via Portsmouth was driven into the Fleet services on the M3. Investigators moved in as the spare tyre was being manhandled and found cannabis worth £250,000 hidden inside.

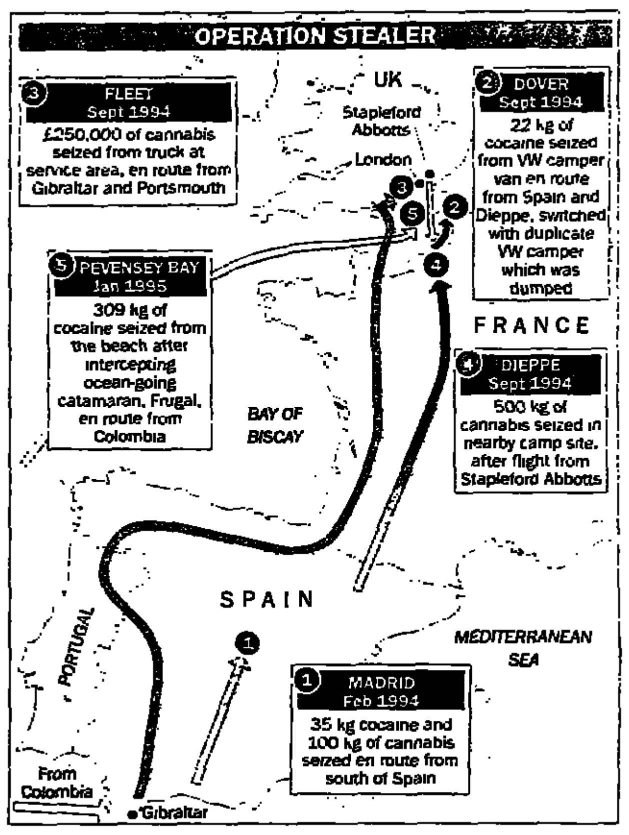
Later that day White was arrested in southeast London. His mobile telephone showed he was controlling operations and revealed calls linked to the Dover and Portsmouth drug-smuggling. As the operation continued, a British pilot who took off from Stapleford Abbotts, Essex, was arrested at an airfield near Dieppe. Police seized 500 kg of cannabis in a camper van at a campsite near by.



The ocean-going catamaran *Frugal* under sail: contrary to its name, it carried cocaine worth £37 million

Early in 1995 the ocean-going catamaran *Frugal* was tracked as it sailed into Pevensey Bay, East Sussex, carrying a cargo of Colombian cocaine worth £37 million, which was off-loaded. Six plastic-wrapped bundles weighing a total of 309 kg were found on the beach.

Those convicted in the trials included White, Short, Doran, and Togher. Madeleine Mullin, a one-time actress who once had a bit part in the Scottish detective series *Taggart* and who later married Togher, was acquitted of any part in the drug-smuggling conspiracy.



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④ DIEPPE Sept 1994 500 kg of cannabis seized in nearby camp site, after flight from Stapleford Abbotts
① MADRID Feb 1994 35 kg cocaine and 100 kg of cannabis seized en route from south of Spain
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London robbers graduated to narcotics

LEADERS of the drugs network were well-known to investigators. Two were armed robbers who had followed a trend among leading London criminals to graduate into the drugs world.

Anthony White had been accused in 1984 of taking part in the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery at Heathrow Airport. Although he was acquitted at the Old Bailey, two years ago loss adjustors acting for the insurers took White to the High Court and won a ruling that he had committed the robbery.

Mr Justice Rimmer decided that White's acquittal did not mean that the jurors at his Old Bailey trial were satisfied that he was innocent but only that they were not satisfied that he was guilty according to criminal standards of proof.

The judge said that White was a "dishonest man with an appalling criminal record" who had come into substantial wealth after his acquittal. At the time of the Brink's-Mat robbery, White was living in a council flat on benefit.

He later spent £219,000 on new homes, refurbished one house at a cost of £200,000 and bought a villa in Spain.

The judge ordered White to pay back £26 million plus £2 million in compensation and his wife, Margaret, was ordered to pay back another £1 million.

But lawyers for the loss adjustors knew they had won an empty victory. White was under arrest as part of Operation Stealer and all his assets had been frozen. There was no sign of the millions and the lawyers are still trying to find what happened to White's cash.

Once part of the network of heavweight armed robbers operating from southeast London, White graduated like other top criminals into the drugs world. In 1993 he was acquitted of being involved in cannabis smuggling. Customs officers in Operation Stealer were sure that he was still at work as financier and fixer behind drugs deals.

His right-hand man, John Short, was another armed robber who also turned to drugs. Now 58, he was jailed in 1978 for holding up a bank in west London. He was also the centre of investigations over the supply of ponies for the American sport of trotting.

Both relied on Brian Doran, 52, who once ran a travel agency in Glasgow. He fled from Scotland in 1982 after being accused of smuggling cocaine, and set up a bar in Marbella. In Spain he was linked to a plot to smuggle cannabis worth £3 million from Morocco to Britain. A ton of drugs was found ready packed hidden in a villa on the Costa del Sol. Doran fled to Holland but was eventually sent back to Scotland where he was jailed on passport offences.

Eventually he went to live in Colombia and left there in 1993. He had connections among South American cartels to provide drugs, and money was no object. When he was arrested, Doran was carrying a bearer bond worth £1.6 million.

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Hillsborough disaster

Straw asks senior judge to study new evidence

By Richard Ford and Frances Gibb

A SENIOR judge will investigate new video and medical evidence on the Hillsborough football ground disaster, the Home Secretary announced yesterday.

Jack Straw told MPs that Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, a Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal, would study the material to see whether another public inquiry was needed. Mr Straw said: "I hope that this examination will enable us to establish conclusively whether or not material evidence about the causes of the Hillsborough disaster has been overlooked."

Families of those who died in the 1989 disaster welcomed the announcement. Trevor Hicks, chairman of the Hillsborough Families Support Group, said: "We are slightly cautious but we greet today with a great deal of satisfaction. We feel we are moving in the right direction."

The families have lobbied for a new inquiry on the basis of new video and medical evidence challenging the police version of events. Ninety-six Liverpool fans died from injuries suffered in the crush as supporters poured into the Sheffield Wednesday ground for their team's FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest. The new evidence is said to include a videotape taken from a closed-circuit television camera trained on the Leppings Lane end stand.

Mr Straw said that, despite earlier inquiries, he was determined to go as far as he could in ensuring that no matter of significance was overlooked. "We owe it to everyone touched by the tragedy, but above all to the families of those who died, to get to the bottom of this matter once and for all."

Mr Straw said the Attorney-General and the Crown Prosecution Service had looked at the new evidence put forward, but Dame Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, felt that the material would not justify a fresh criminal investigation. "Nonetheless, I am acutely conscious that the families of those who died at Hillsborough and many others, including Members of this House, are very concerned that unresolved issues remain," he said.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, 69, has been a Court of Appeal judge since 1988 and before that was a High Court judge for seven years. He is respected for his willingness to listen to both sides.

He is best known as the judge chosen in 1989 to be MI5's first watchdog, monitoring bugging warrants issued by the Home Secretary and examining complaints. At the time he said that his job was crucial because he would be representing the public, who had "no insight into what is going on", but in his first report he dismissed all complaints against MI5.

The new Hillsborough evidence he will be examining is said not to have been available to Lord Justice Taylor's original inquiry or to the prosecuting or disciplinary authorities. He will work in private and hopes to start preliminary work on the case this month.

Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, said he welcomed the review but emphasised that his force still believed that nothing new had come to light since the Taylor inquiry and the inquests.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions on the environment, the regions and transport; debate on international development policies; backbench debate on compensation for distant water trawlermen. In the Lords: Imperial College Bill, second reading; Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill, committee; debate on conflict between Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan.

William Hague and his fiancée Ffion Jenkins and the Crypt Chapel at the House of Commons where the couple will marry in December

Hague has decided on an 'office' wedding

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

WILLIAM HAGUE and Ffion Jenkins announced the date yesterday for the political union of the year, which will take place in an historic chapel at the House of Commons. The marital vows will be read in English and Welsh at the traditional ceremony on December 19.

The couple, who have been together since October, have told friends that they will try for children within a year of the wedding. Mr Hague, 36, would be the first Conservative leader this century to have a young family. "They will definitely have children. I think they will wait a while but not very long," one of their friends said yesterday.

The glossy celebrity magazine *Hello!* has already launched a bid for exclusive picture rights of the couple on their wedding day. However, Mr Hague is unlikely to agree, despite the prospect of a fat fee and endless publicity. The majority of marriages featured in the magazine have ended in the divorce courts.

The couple decided on the date even before he made his mind up to enter the Tory leadership contest but there was little romance involved in the naming of the day, which was announced 24 hours after press reports that they had begun living together in Mr Hague's London flat.

It was the only date that fitted in with Mr Hague's hectic Parliamentary schedule. A spring wedding was out of the question: it would have clashed with the local elections in May, which will be Mr Hague's first big test as Tory leader.

Invitations will be highly prized among ambitious Tory MPs but most will be disappointed. Mr Hague has chosen a friend outside the world of politics as his best man: Nick Levy, a solicitor in Brussels. Mr Hague was his best man and is godfather to Mr Levy's only child.

Preparations for the wedding have been under way for some time. Mr Hague is being taught his lines for the most important speech of his life by his future wife. Welsh is her first language. They met when Miss Jenkins, 29, was Mr Hague's private secretary when he was Welsh Secretary. Romance blossomed on a wall overlooking a mountain range in North Wales as she taught him the Welsh national anthem.

The service will be conducted jointly by the Speaker's chaplain and a Welsh Methodist minister. The reception will be held in the State Rooms of the Speaker's House, followed by a wedding breakfast in the MPs dining room. The guest list will be limited to 140. The next day a party will be held at Miss Jenkins' family home near Cardiff in Wales. They will also celebrate with a party in Mr Hague's Richmond constituency.

TALES FROM THE CRYPT CHAPEL

The Crypt Chapel, known formally as the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, has been used as a stable, a coal cellar and the Speaker's dining room. It dates from 1292 and was one of the few parts of the Palace of Westminster to survive the fire of 1834 almost unscathed. During restoration in the 1860s, the remains of William Lyndwoode, Bishop of St David's and Keeper of the Privy Seal, were found embalmed in the north wall. In 1911, the suffragette Emily Davison hid in the chapel for 48 hours to record her address in the census as the House of Commons.

What Patten's critics are inclined to forget

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

One of the fashionable myths of the era of globalisation is that national governments no longer matter. The markets and multinational companies rule, leaving individual states largely powerless and irrelevant. This was always exaggerated, but last night's understandably emotional end of empire in Hong Kong demonstrates why good government, or rather governance, matters. By governance, I mean methods of governing and administration. Chris Patten's main contribution as the final Governor for the past five years has been to underline the links between political and economic freedom — the vital role of government even in such a free market economy as Hong Kong.

Politicians often confuse the size of government and good governance. The two are distinct, and, indeed, often incompatible. States with huge public sectors, as in the old Soviet bloc or in some developing countries today, are also often the most corrupt, where decisions are based on bribes and croneyism. It is possible, as in Hong Kong, to have a low share of public spending in national income and low taxes, and still to have high standards of government: respect for the rule of law, a Bill of Rights and a tough anti-corruption commission as well as an elected legislature.

By coi ncidence, the World Bank last week included in its *World Development Report* a study of the role of the state. It highlighted five functions that governments, rather than markets and private bodies, must provide: a basic legal framework, an effective macro-economic environment, investment in basic social services and infrastructure, a comprehensive saftey net for vulnerable members of society and basic environmental protection. Contrary to past thinking, the report argued that governments cannot themselves produce growth, but they must provide the right institutional framework to create the confidence necessary for successful markets. That has been the key in East Asia and it is why more than four fifths of the world's largest banks have branches in Hong Kong.

Globalisation, the report argued, "is a threat to weak or capriciously governed states. But it opens the way for effective, disciplined states to foster development and economic well-being." The application of predictable rules and policies — what the report described as "state credibility" — is vital, not least to attract private investment, as in East Asia. By contrast, "poor state credibility" results in lower investment and growth and undermines development, as in much of Eastern Europe, parts of Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa.

The lesson is that governments must increase state capability by having effective rules and restraints that act as a check on public authorities and prevent corruption. Civil servants should be appointed on merit rather than patronage, while governments should try to decentralise power and increase popular participation in decision-making.

This is precisely what the British legacy in Hong Kong has been — a framework of laws and good governance that has fostered business confidence and extraordinary commercial success. This is too easily forgotten by those British and expatriate businessmen who criticised the former Governor's attempt to build up democratic institutions. They failed to realise that, in the long term, a free enterprise system is inextricably linked with a vibrant democracy. The strength of civil society in Hong Kong will now be tested. It is not just what happens to the elected members of the former legislative council; as important is the rule of law and the absence of corruption. Hong Kong shows why good government still matters.

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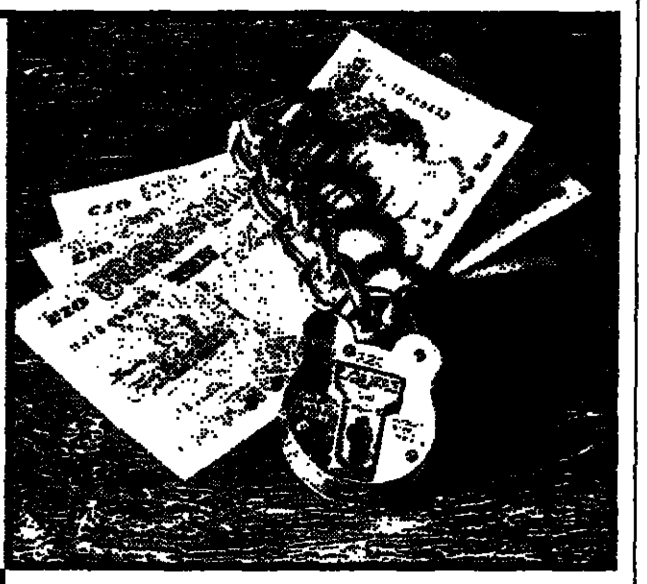

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Euro emerges as bargaining chip in haggling over EU expansion

FROM CHARLES BREMNER
IN BRUSSELS

EXHAUSTED from the laborious birth of the Amsterdam treaty, the European Union embarks today on another stressful countdown. Under the new presidency of Luxembourg, the 15 begin the long and potentially brutal business of reforming their spending and preparing to embrace new members from the former communist bloc.

The starting gun for expansion and the budget battle comes on July 16 when the Brussels Commission issues its verdict on the membership credentials of ten eastern European states and Cyprus and Turkey, all far poorer than any of the existing 15. Entry negotiations with a first wave must start by the end of the year.

Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Cyprus are likely to be called first to the table, with the possibility of Estonia and Slovenia joining them. The approach of new members is intensifying resistance from Spain and other southern states against any deal that cuts their own supply of generous EU regional subsidies. French, German and British farmers fear for their farm aid and the smaller EU states are fighting a rearguard battle to preserve their voting power in a much-enlarged union. A new EU budget machine must be ready in 1999.

The EU could do without a two-year wrangle over the two funds that dominate its spending. The failure at Amsterdam to reform the EU decision-making machinery for enlargement has only added to the malaise as the 15 stagger forward in the long march towards monetary union.

Over the past month, the monetary picture has tumbled out of its old frame as the new French Socialist Government has thrown out the rule book prescribed by the Germans and abandoned the strict budget test, set out at Maastricht, for launching the euro. At the same time, a weakened Helmut Kohl, under heavy domestic pressure, is wavering in his own crusade for the single currency and a deeper union.

A Brussels axiom holds that without monetary union, the big continental states will refuse to accept new members into a bigger EU. While all pay lip service to the imperative of "bringing the new democracies into the European family", they are worried that without the binding force of the euro, the EU would turn into a big free-trading area of the type desired by British Conservatives. The crossover between the euro and a bigger union is emerging as Spain has begun signalling that it could block spending reform and enlargement without a guarantee of membership of the single currency. The first euro members are to be picked next May.

The consensus still holds that so much political capital is invested in the scheme that monetary union will go ahead on schedule on January 1, 1999. Jean-Claude Juncker, 42, the Christian Democrat Prime Minister of Luxembourg, who takes over the presidency from the Dutch today, insists that delay would spell catastrophe.

To help things along, Mr Juncker is suggesting a scheme that would fix the exchange rates of national currencies to the euro. A test for Mr Juncker, whose tiny country is the only EU member to pass the Maastricht monetary test, is a special Luxembourg summit in the autumn which could shape the fate of the euro.

Russian military warns Yeltsin of mutiny over cuts

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Russian military establishment has given President Yeltsin a warning that he faces the first mutiny in the armed forces for nearly two centuries if he goes ahead with unpopular reforms to slash the number of men in uniform.

Threatened with the loss of 600,000 troops under plans currently being drawn up by General Igor Sergeyev, the newly-appointed Defence Minister, several retired generals have urged serving officers to "take the matter into their own hands".

The issue came to the surface last week when General Lev Rokhlin, a popular former combat officer who now heads the parliamentary defence committee, issued a damning seven-page open letter to Mr Yeltsin blaming him for the destruction of the armed forces.

General Rokhlin, who commanded Russian troops during the bloody capture of Grozny, the Chechen capital, before running for parliament in a pro-Yeltsin faction, said he had been forced to act to prevent the collapse of the armed forces.

"You fooled the nation and the military, failing to fulfil your pre-election promises," said General Rokhlin, whose outburst may cost him his position in the Our Home is Russia faction. "You have destined the armed forces to destruction."

In the letter, General Rokhlin predicted that if the military was weakened any further, Russia would lose control of the Far East and Siberia in the next century. He said Russia's future as a nuclear power was also under threat, and blamed Mr Yeltsin personally for the disastrous military campaign in Chechnya.

By far his most inflammatory remarks were addressed to serving officers. He advised them to mobilise and issue the Kremlin with demands. "Unite, elect your leaders and demand that your legitimate rights be exercised," he said. "Do not hope that someone else will do this for you. Our unity in resisting the disintegration of the army is the guarantee of our success."

Not surprisingly, the comments sent a chill through the Kremlin. Although there has not been a military insurrection since the Decembrist uprising of 1825, the present lamentable state of the armed forces could provide a fertile ground for mutiny.

General Sergeyev, whose plans to reduce the armed forces from 1.8 million to 1.2 million must be completed by July 25, on Sunday denounced the letter as incitement "to revolt".

"We now have to choose between a large but insufficiently capable army, or a smaller but combat-ready army," he said, defending his plans, which propose radical measures such as merging the army and navy. "I think the choice is clear."

However, the military establishment has yet to be persuaded. Most commentators believe that General Rokhlin was prompted to take action at the behest of powerful senior officers in the military, who may be among the first to be sacked under the reform plan.

Top figures in politics and the military have been eager to line up alongside General Rokhlin. He has won the backing of General Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratrooper and presidential candidate, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, and leading communists, like Viktor Ilyukhin, the chairman of the parliamentary security committee.

"Rokhlin is right, the army is going to pieces," General Lebed said. "This is clear even to those who are far from the army. It is clear that the Commander-in-Chief (Yeltsin) is not competent."

Although in the past there has been talk of rebellion in the armed forces, there is so far no evidence of any serious conspiracy, despite unpaid wages, low morale, and a sharp rise in the number of suicides among both soldiers and officers.

Nevertheless, the Kremlin cannot afford to be complacent after the rabble-rousing remarks by General Rokhlin.

☐ **Promise to pay:** Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, vowed to press ahead with military reform. He told military academy graduates at a Kremlin ceremony that he had been instructed by President Yeltsin to pay all debts to the forces over the next two months. He did not say where the money was coming from.

Boris Yeltsin's daughter Tatyana Dyachenko, 37, above, long seen as the power behind the Russian throne, has been officially appointed as an adviser to her father (Robin Lodge writes). She is to be responsible for advising the President on his image. For the past year she has held virtual control over access to her father, angering advisers and political rivals.

Hikers in Navacerrada, near Madrid, braving a stiff breeze and freezing winds yesterday in freak conditions that have seen a sudden temperature drop turn the usually blistering Spanish summer into snow-clad winter

Secularist coalition takes over in Turkey

FROM ANDREW FINKEL
IN ISTANBUL

THE first Islamist Prime Minister of Turkey, Necmettin Erbakan, went back into opposition yesterday and the military returned to its barracks after President Demirel approved a new coalition led by Mesut Yilmaz, the Motherland Party leader.

Announcing his Cabinet, Mr Yilmaz said his new secularist Government was "proof that the country could solve its problems through democracy and parliament". He was referring to the threat of military intervention after chiefs of staff issued an ultimatum to the previous Government that it cease to encourage the drift towards radical Islam.

Mr Erbakan quit on June 18 but was hoping to keep his Welfare Party in office by transferring his job to his coalition partner, Tansu Ciller, of the True Path Party. This tactic was frustrated when President Demirel chose Mr Yilmaz to form the next Government.

While the new administration is bound to reassure the military, it remains debatable whether it can provide a long-term solution to the nation's chronic political instability. Many see one of its first tasks is to amending the electoral system of proportional representation. A system of transferable votes, some analysts believe, would neuter the Welfare Party, which came first in a December 1995 election despite receiving fewer than 22 per cent of votes.

Fraud trial defendant blames bankers

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT
IN FRANKFURT

GERMANY'S "construction king", Jürgen Schneider, who has gone on trial accused of multimillion-pound credit fraud, looks determined to drag down with him some of the country's most reputable banks and credit institutes.

In an emotional speech at the start of his trial in Frankfurt yesterday, he blamed his former creditors for the collapse of Germany's biggest property development empire with the loss of thousands of jobs. "They decided, in a spectacular manner, to criminalise me and place the burden of guilt singularly and exclusively on my shoulders," Herr Schneider told the financial capital's Superior Court.

In a surprise statement, Dieter Haike, the chief prosecutor, also indicated that the banks involved, including Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest, must share responsibility for the bankruptcy of Herr Schneider's company.

Herr Schneider, 63, specialised in inner-city development, favouring grand old buildings, and was one of the first to cash in on the construction boom caused by the fall of the Berlin Wall.

When he and his wife, Claudia, suddenly fled Germany in April 1994 after the company was forced into bankruptcy, they left debts of around £2 billion to more than 1,600 creditors, including banks, building suppliers and sub-contractors. The couple remained at large for 13 months. Herr Schneider faces a maximum 15-year sentence if found guilty.

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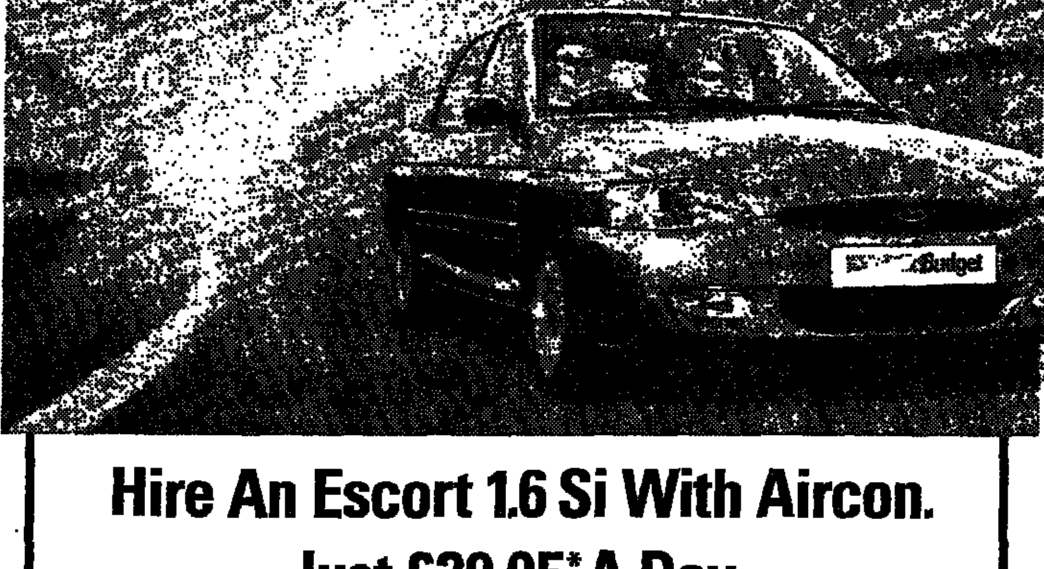

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Berisha concedes election defeat

Albanian Socialist says victory will help curb militias

FROM TOM WALKER IN TIRANA

PRESIDENT Berisha of Albania yesterday accepted his Democratic Party's overwhelming defeat by its Socialist rivals, whose leader Fatos Nano looks certain to become the new head of state.

Mr Berisha, looking tired and drawn, made a brief appearance on state television yesterday afternoon. He asked his supporters to "treat the people's verdict with courage and dignity". Observers from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe deemed Sunday's general election "adequate and acceptable".

There were no scenes of rejoicing on the streets of Tirana, however. Mr Nano, a bearded and studious academic, appealed to his party not to inflame an already tense situation. From Mr Berisha's presidential guard came the ominous sound of heavy gunfire.

Whether Mr Berisha will resign is unclear. Linda Isani, his personal assistant, said he would only consider doing so once the results — which she said the Socialists had exaggerated — had been finalised. "He's very tired," she said. "But he's in perfect shape. He's very strong."

The monarchists, fighting for the restoration of the House of Zog, also accused Mr Nano of overestimating his victory. They claimed the referendum on the monarchy, which ran parallel to the election, would prove that 60 per cent of Albanians wanted a former arms dealer to become King Leka Zog I. Mr Nano said that while the monarchists had done well in their traditional powerbases, such as Shkodra in the north, they would receive no more than 20 per cent support nationally.

Mr Nano said the extent of his victory would ensure the steady disarming of the southern gangs. "With international assistance we can eliminate them," he said.

Overall, Mr Nano said the Socialists controlled as many as 73 seats out of 115 elected by majority vote, with an extra 22 possible through a proportional system in the 155-seat Albanian parliament.

The coming days will determine whether Mr Berisha's Democrats and the militias behind them will accept their defeat. Heavily armed thugs lingered outside party headquarters yesterday, where a spokesman said: "The Democratic Party cannot be held responsible for any incidents involving foreigners. People are angry and they are blaming the defeat on foreign influence."

The OSCE can breathe a sigh of relief that the elections have passed off in relative calm, although armed gangs close to the Democrats in Fier, where an election official was shot dead on Sunday, were trying to prevent ballot boxes reaching Tirana. There were also embarrassing but reliable reports of OSCE observers in Vlore trying their hand at firing Kalashnikovs supplied to them by the gangster Sultan Zani.

There was another death in more gangland violence in Vlore, and a lucky escape for a Greek television team from the Anetenne channel, one of whose crew was literally shaved by bullets, leaving burn marks on his arm. Two other Greek journalists held hostage further south in Sarander were rescued by a Romanian armoured personnel carrier.

LUCA BRUNO / AP

Albanian gang members in the southern town of Vlore yesterday celebrate the Socialists' election victory

Le Pen woos the Gaullist Right in secret talks

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Gaullists were plunged into fresh disarray yesterday after reports that Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Front, has been secretly wining and dining senior figures from the vanquished centre-right coalition.

France's mainstream political parties have hitherto rejected any contact with M Le Pen, and the alleged meetings have raised suspicions that right-wing Gaullists may be seeking an alliance with the increasingly powerful National Front.

On June 16, two weeks after the Centre Right was savaged at the polls and ousted from government, M Le Pen dined at a quiet restaurant in the 15th Arrondissement of Paris with Jean-François Mancel, former Secretary-General of the Gaullist RPR party, and Robert Pandraud, Gaullist MP and president of the RPR Paris group, according to *Le Parisien*.

A spokesman for the Front initially maintained that no such meeting had taken place, but on Sunday M Le Pen admitted having had "an agreeable dinner" with M Pandraud. He denied that M Mancel, a close ally of Alain Juppé, the former Prime Minister, had been present.

According to sources cited by *Le Monde*, the National Front leader also dined recently with Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, a key figure within the centre-right alliance. M Giscard denied the report. M Le Pen declined to comment.

M Le Pen's deputy, Bruno Mégret, has repeatedly called for an alliance between the defeated coalition and the Front, which gained 15 per cent of the vote in the first round of the election.

"The secret dinner" showed that "certain leaders and opposition MPs have apparently decided to open a dialogue with the National Front," *Le Parisien* reported.

Other senior Gaullists expressed horror at the prospect of joining forces with M Le Pen's xenophobic nationalists. Jean-Louis Debré, the former Interior Minister who replaced M Mancel as Secretary-General after the party's defeat, immediately called for the RPR to clarify its attitude towards the Front. "The National Front holds views which are not those of the Gaullists. The movement's leaders must debate this subject, and reach a clear position," M Debré said.

Renaud Muselier, another Gaullist MP insisted yesterday that an accommodation with the National Front was "impossible".

M Pandraud, who was Security Minister from 1986 to 1988, added fuel to the row by saying he was in favour of "low-level" discussions with the Front. "If there were personal or private discussions, why not?" M Pandraud demanded. "There are no enemies, only opponents."

M Le Pen said that his dinner with M Pandraud had been attended by their wives and another National Front official. He added: "Everyone knows M Pandraud benefitted from National Front support during the elections, and this ensured his victory." He claimed to have dined in the past with other top figures on the political Right, but declined to give names.

"Le Pen is dining out so much at the moment, he's going to have to go on a diet," one anonymous politician told *Le Monde*.

☐ **Jobless blow:** Unemployment in France has surged again to reach a new record high. Last month, the number of jobless rose by 32,400, or 1.1 per cent, marking "the biggest monthly increase since October 1993", according to the Employment Ministry.

The large increase comes after two months during which unemployment fell marginally. About 3.1 million French people are now out of work, or 12.5 per cent of the active population.

President detained in Bosnian Serb power struggle

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

IN AN intensifying tussle for power that could sabotage the Dayton peace accords, hardliners in the government of the Bosnian Serb entity arrested Biljana Plavsic, the president, on her return from a conference in Birmingham at the weekend, but later allowed her to leave for her office in Banja Luka.

She was detained near Bijeljina in the northeast of the Bosnian Serb territory on her return. She had cut short her visit to Britain to deal with a growing political crisis. Earlier, she had tried to sack Dragan Kijac, the hardline interior minister, who remains loyal to Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader forced to give up power by international pressure after being indicted for war crimes. Mr Kijac had dismissed a major in charge of an anti-terrorist police battalion amid suspicions that the interior ministry was attempting to sabotage a crackdown on organised crime.

Her arrest appeared to be the culmination of an attempt by hardliners to oust her after her failure to dismiss Mr Kijac. She spent two days at a conference on Serb unity, but cut short a meeting yesterday with Tony Lloyd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Yesterday she was reportedly allowed to leave for her office under Nato protection. Last night she accused Dr Karadzic of attempting a "coup".

Britain expressed concern about her arrest which appeared to signal an attempt by Dr Karadzic to reassert his authority.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Bus bomb explosion kills 20 in Pakistan

Karachi: A bomb blew up a packed passenger bus in Pakistan's eastern province of Punjab yesterday, killing at least 20 people (Zahid Hussain writes). The device was planted under a seat of the bus which carried 80 passengers, some riding on the roof. The incident occurred in Sialkot district close to the Indian border. Rescue workers said the bus caught fire and many of the victims were trapped. Fifty people were wounded and some were in a critical condition last night. There have been several recent attacks related to a feud between militant Shiite Muslims and Sunni Muslims.

Killer weed threatens Riviera

Rome: A virulent toxic seaweed is spreading along the Riviera coast, posing a threat to humans and marine life, scientists say. The seaweed, *Caulerpa taxifolia*, has been dubbed "the Aids of the sea" by the Italian and French press (Richard Owen writes). The tropical alga, whose fronds are dangerous to bathers and deadly to many varieties of underwater plant, has spread from Toulon and St Tropez to San Remo, Alassio and Genoa.

Disabled Uday 'shot guard'

Nicosia: Six months after surviving an assassination attempt, Uday, left, the elder son of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, remains unable to walk, is sexually impotent and more volatile that ever, according to Iraqi dissidents (Michael Theodoulou writes). Uday, 33, recently shot and wounded one of his guards during an outburst, the opposition Iraqi National Congress said. When he left hospital last month on crutches, one Iraqi businessman in Jordan said, "he looked pathetic."

Outback hunting ban urged

Brisbane: Only Aborigines should be allowed to hunt Australian animals such as kangaroos, goannas and dugongs and should use traditional weapons like spears, conservationists told a parliamentary inquiry into the commercial use of native animals. Lorraine and Geoff Conley said hunting should not be permitted with guns and four-wheel-drive vehicles. *(AP)*

Fast food for zoo elephants

Bangkok: A shortage of elephant food has prompted researchers to delevelop a substitute. Dusit Zoo has been feeding its elephants 1lb tablets of concentrated sugar cane, corn, molasses, vitamins and minerals for several months. "We have a problem with people destroying jungles," the zoo's director said. *(AP)*

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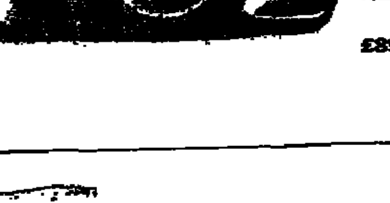

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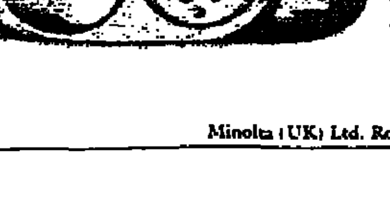

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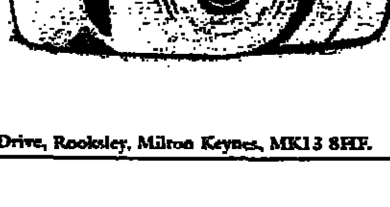

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Trooper's story dents sex claim against Clinton

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

ULA JONES has received a rtling blow to her attempt bring sexual harassment arges against President nton with the revelation at Arkansas state troopers d about President Clinton's ual habits in order to strike rative book deals.

Ronald Anderson, a trooper 10 guarded Mr Clinton ien he was Governor of kansas, says he "con-med" stories about Mr Clin-n's repeated infidelity even ough he knew they were itrue or had no first-hand idence to support them, cording to *The New Yorker*.

In a four-page article, the agazine gives weight to the ory that some kind of sexu-ly-charged encounter took ace between Ms Jones and e Governor in an Arkansas tel room, but casts doubt on ntral parts of her case from veral new angles.

The New Yorker's most star-ng piece of evidence is a 1994 fidavit provided by Mr An-erson to Mr Clinton's law-ers, in which he admits that discussing a potential book eal with other troopers, he orroborated anecdotes with-ut any basis. While the ffidavit does not discredit all e stories, he does say that any "were nothing more an old fish tales with little, if ny, basis in fact".

The revisions by Mr Ander-on follow Ms Jones's Supreme Court victory in winning permission to bring her case against Mr Clinton without delay. She claims that he infringed her civil rights by sending a trooper to take her to his room in the Excelsior Hotel and then asking her for oral sex.

The trial would cause Mr Clinton huge embarrassment if it proceeded, but judging by opinion polls, real political damage might be slight. However, there is now speculation that both sides will reach a settlement without the President admitting blame — a point almost reached in 1994. As *The New Yorker* records, the past few weeks have also seen a shift in the highly-politicised swirl of rumours in the President's favour.

Among new twists potentially helpful to Mr Clinton, the magazine cites two women who contradict accounts that Ms Jones was upset after the encounter with Mr Clinton, which forms a central part of her case. A colleague of Ms Jones at the Arkansas Industrial Development Corporation described her "bubbly enthusiasm" at having met Mr Clinton.

The switchboard operator at the Governor's office said that Ms Jones told her in a "happy and excited manner" that a trooper had arranged for her to meet Mr Clinton in his hotel room, and that Ms Jones started loitering by the Governor's office, checking his car parking space to see if he was in, and asking troopers to tell her his whereabouts.

Washington commentators were also taken aback last week when Stuart Taylor, the author of a much-quoted article last November in *The American Lawyer* which argued that Ms Jones's case was strong, modified his arguments in the *Legal Times* under the heading "New disclosures could cloud Jones' credibility".

The New Yorker also notes the new disillusionment of one of Ms Jones's junior lawyers, Daniel Traylor, who resigned from her case last week. Mr Traylor, an attorney specialising in property sales, was the first lawyer she hired, but was soon out of his depth. The magazine says that before her remaining lawyers told him not to comment, he confided that it may have been a mistake for him to take the case.

He was particularly upset that she accepted $1,000 (£600) from the conservative, religious producer of an anti-Clinton video called *The Clinton Chronicles*. Mr Traylor told *The New Yorker* that the payment "soured me on the Joneses. I didn't want anything to do with that trash. These people were now on the nut circuit".

JOHN McCONNICO / AP

Chances Peak has been active for months. Its latest eruption has claimed 23 lives

Rescuers fear final blow of island volcano

FROM TOM RHODES IN PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT

STANDING less than a mile from the spewing crater of Montserrat's volcano, Clifford Farrell looked skyward to the flow of lava crashing through acres of vegetation on the small British colony.

"That's nothing to what she can do," said Mr Farrell, a fireman trawling the evacuated areas of this Caribbean island for human life. "If she really blows, then we're all dead. It would take less than a minute for the flow to reach this point now."

The native Montserratian has spent days recovering bodies from the worst eruption since Chances Peak became active again two years ago. Its belching gas and molten rock claimed the lives of at least 23 people last week.

The first human casualties in living memory have left a deep impression on the six search and rescue teams and provoked the most tangible atmosphere of fear for the 6,000 islanders who remain cordoned in Montserrat's northern region.

Inside the unsafe zone, there is only devastation. Plymouth, the once-thriving capital, is coated in ash so thick that driving through its empty streets is like braving a Saharan sandstorm. Face masks are required to avoid lung damage from inhaling the pervasive sulphur fumes.

Only the animals remain. Dogs, cats, goats and cows scurry through the ghost town in search of scant food. Closer to the volcano, many have already died, swathed in 30ft of ash.

In a small hut in the evacuated Belham Valley, William Murrain is packing his bags. Now 51, he has lived on the small plot of land for 45 years and has already once been ordered to leave.

The rescue team knows that he has not moved out because the verandah has been swept of ash. "I know it's a time bomb waiting to go off but I don't want to move," he said. "I have lived here all my life and the people in the shelters are drunk all the time. We can't be expected to live like that."

He is one of many islanders who want the British Government to resolve the present crisis fast. The shelters have been long overfilled, rape and teenage pregnancy are rife, and local authorities say that at least 600 new houses must be built if the island is to sustain its population.

Baroness Symons, the Foreign Office Minister, was coming under increasing pressure to offer further financial support during her visit to Montserrat yesterday. Frank Savage, the island's Governor, has given warnings that a mass exodus could soon make the colony unsustainable.

☐ London: Britain promised yesterday to do all that it could to keep Montserrat viable and confirmed that new aid of £6.8 million was being given.

Fresh bomb plot inquiry opens in Oklahoma

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

A NEW investigation opened yesterday into persistent claims that the Oklahoma City bombing involved a larger conspiracy than has so far emerged.

A grand jury was empanelled thanks to public support for two men who have a profound mistrust of the official account, for which Timothy McVeigh has been sentenced to die and his former friend, Terry Nichols, will stand trial in September.

Charles Key, a member of the Oklahoma legislature, and Glenn Wilburn, an accountant who lost two grandsons in the bombing, are convinced that additional plotters were involved and, despite vehement denials, that federal agents had prior knowledge of the attack in which 168 died, 19 of them children.

A key witness is expected to be Carol Howe, a former informant on a shadowy network of white supremacists for the government's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. She is expected to claim that she told her handlers before the bombing that she overheard a German citizen and a white supremacist discussing attacks on federal buildings.

Stephen Jones, defence lawyer, tried to call Miss Howe at McVeigh's trial, but the judge ruled that her testimony was irrelevant. Even Mr Jones concedes that no specific threats or plots can be found in documents relating to Miss Howe, who is awaiting trial on charges related to another bomb threat.

The grand jury, sitting in secret, is also expected to focus on seven witnesses who have said they saw at least one other person with McVeigh in Oklahoma City on the day a huge lorry bomb shattered the federal building.

Federal authorities now say they doubt there was a larger conspiracy, although they did indict McVeigh and Mr Nichols on charges of plotting with "others unknown".

Mr Key and Mr Wilburn, acting against the wishes of the district attorney and Oklahoma's attorney general, collected 13,500 signatures on a petition calling for the grand jury investigation. Under Oklahoma law, that was sufficient to override official objections.

A foundation of bereaved families and survivors will today announce the winning design for a monument on the city-centre site of the bombed building.

Oyster Bar gutted by fire

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

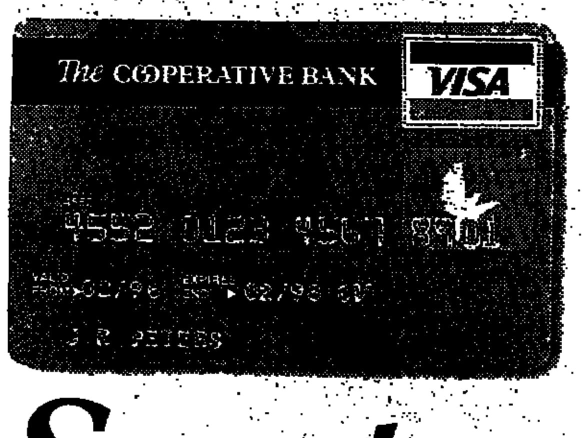
THE famed Oyster Bar at New York's Grand Central Station, which serves 1.8 million oysters to harried tourists and commuters every year, has been gutted by a fire started by an overheated refrigerator.

Nine firefighters and four passers-by suffered minor injuries when the blaze engulfed the restaurant, with its huge marble counters and vaulted tile ceilings, in the bowels of New York's main railway station. Two hundred new chairs in the main bar were destroyed and the dining room and saloon suffered smoke and water damage before dawn on Sunday.

Mark Abramson, the general manager, said the restaurant would reopen after repairs in two weeks. "It's not as bad as it looks," he said.

The owners began renting the 27,000 sq ft space when the Beaux Arts railway station opened in 1913, although the restaurant existed on nearby 42nd Street before then. Tourists flock to the "whispering gallery", just outside the restaurant entrance. A whisper in one corner can be heard clearly in the other corners of the cavernous hall.

Zagat's restaurant guide describes the Oyster Bar as a "huge, bustling Grand Central landmark that's everything it should be, with fabulous fresh fish, unbeatable pan roasts, outstanding oysters, wonderful white wines, and classic old New York ambience."



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Living with Alzheimer's

How do you cope when your parent becomes a child? **Alida Baxter** and **Gillian Thomas** describe their experiences

ROBIN MAYES

Gillian Thomas and her mother. Lilian: "It is sad to realise that we can no longer have a sensible conversation. But you just have to get on with it"

CARING AT HOME

When my mother's neighbours rang me to say she had flooded her bathroom, we knew the day had finally come when she could no longer live alone. She had managed to look after herself in her own home in Birmingham for five years after the death of my father, but with increasing difficulty as Alzheimer's disease slowly took hold.

As a family — I am an only child with a husband and three children in their 20s — we had never discussed what should happen when she could no longer cope, and by that stage she was unable to take any decisions for herself.

So we brought her down to London. Moving her into our house seemed the natural thing to do. I felt it would have been traumatic for her suddenly to be in the unfamiliar surroundings of a home. At least with us she is among people she knows.

If, on that fateful evening, we had thought about how long we might have to go on looking after her, the task might have seemed too daunting. Disturbed nights and wet beds, repetitive questions and, worst of all, never having the house to ourselves came as a shock. But we managed to see the funny side, too: one day, I found her chatting to herself in front of a mirror — "I don't know who that lady is but she keeps talking to me," she complained.

The worst time is the evening, when she is at her most disturbed and disturbing. Just when it would be nice to relax in front of the television or read the paper, we get a constant barrage of "Where am I?" "Where are you, Gillian?" and "I want to go home".

No matter how much we try to talk to her, the droning repetition goes on and on, impossible to ignore. In the end, we simply have to put her to bed.

Five years on, we have come to terms with what caring entails and I cannot be grateful enough for my husband's tolerance. Naturally, he has less reason than me to look after her, yet he does so equally well.

The main burden is being so tied. Fortunately, I work from home as a freelance journalist. So caring has not involved having to give up my job. She can also safely be left alone for an hour or two as she has never wandered. In fact now, aged 90, she scarcely even tries to get out of her chair by herself.

But as she cannot be left alone overnight, impromptu getaways are a thing of the past. Any holidays have to be planned carefully and arrangements made to look after her.

At first I had a desperate feeling of being trapped. Suddenly we were more restricted than we had ever been; even when the children were small, my parents had always been such willing babysitters.

Fortunately our GP soon arranged for regular "respite" in a special unit at the local hospital — two weeks every three months. We could not survive without it. The children are willing sitters, too, but I prefer not to impinge on their social life too often and hope that they will never begin to regard their grandmother as a burden.

People often ask if I find it distressing to see her getting more and more confused. Of course I hate having lost my lively mother and it is sad to realise that we can no longer have a sensible conversation. But you just have to get on with it. Naturally there are times when her slowness and stupidity are so irritating that I feel like hitting her. But actually I only shout. Overall I suppose we are lucky that she expresses her frustration and worry in words and has never become violent. And even if she's no longer sure who I am, I believe she still senses my familiarity and love. Surely this must be a comfort to her.

> Impromptu getaways are a thing of the past

GILLIAN THOMAS

THE NIGHTMARE THAT RECURRED

The worst thing about nightmares is that they can recur. When my aunt died, in her eighties, she'd been suffering from dementia for years. She'd trotted around after us, saying: "I love you, I love you." She'd lost her false teeth, her hearing-aid, her slippers. She'd had to be undressed, taken to the bathroom, put to bed as though she were a baby; and she was just as exhausting, and adorable, as any baby can be. But through it all, my mother had been the strong one, and sharing an invalid with her had seemed like having a crumbling stately home we had to keep going somehow: we never thought we'd manage, but, thanks to her strength, we did.

So I didn't want to believe it, when the nightmare recurred. After my aunt's death, my mother had looked frail. And above all, as time went by, deeply afraid. Her anxiety was more than grieving. One evening, she telephoned me and broke down. "Every night when I try to write my diary, I can't do it," she sobbed. "I can't remember the days, I can't remember a thing!"

Stress, I told her; I should have seen it coming. She'd battled on despite her age; she'd coped with it all. This was a passing reaction — but whatever I said, in my heart I was terrified. For years, I'd listened to my aunt weeping that she'd lost her memory, that everything would be all right if only she could have her memory back. "Not again," I said to myself, sweating. "Please, not again."

I dealt with psychologists and geriatricians, and a social worker gave me a paperback on Alzheimer's disease. As the medication increased, so did the side-effects. We'd rush through the night in an ambulance, and I'd stand by a casualty department trolley, so practised in the terminology that I'd be asked if I was a nurse.

Nurses were staples in our lives now, and like doctors they could provide heaven or hell. In a rehabilitation ward, I saw a nurse get patients to play board games; they were illuminated, their expressions changed, and I went home full of hope. But as the shifts changed, so did the attitudes: some refused to permit such a practice. "There's too much talking," rapped a sister. "And I'm not having it." Two days later, a fresh sister imported another ward's patients to join a tea party "because they're all so silent in here. They need livening up, I don't know what's wrong with them."

People who were already confused became even more disorientated, and I stayed for hours on end, knowing I was the only constant factor in my mother's surroundings.

The only place she was safe was at home, but I had to find someone to sit with her while I dashed out. One afternoon, she was radiant. The sitter showed what they'd been doing: writing a letter. I picked it up, and my insides turned over. She'd been writing to her lost sister.

"I've missed you, I can't have had an address for you, or I'd have written before — it'll be marvellous when you're home, I can't wait to see you."

The sitter was dreadfully upset when she found me hiding in the kitchen: she hadn't realised. But I was crying because I was glad. They'd loved each other so much that forgetting her sister was dead had made my mother incredibly happy. I didn't want her to remember.

Alone, I sorted out handfuls of drugs, showered and bedbathed her, dressed and undressed her, answered and explained, helped her to walk, and during hot months talked into the night and sponged her with cologne at 2 or 3am. "Ummm," she'd murmur, "lovely." The round was interspersed with the harsh lights of casualty — horrific fevers, a thrombosis — and bouts of respite care that were no respite from anxiety.

Unable to move with a back injury, I rang the geriatric hospital where she was supposedly being looked after and my mother answered the telephone. It was evening, and there were no nurses to be found. During the same stay, she was attacked and knocked down by a male mental patient. The charge nurse was superb, but at night he was the only person responsible for two wings; yet I was told the place wasn't considered understaffed.

In another hospital, I spoke to a doctor because if I missed an hour she wasn't given her medication. He pleaded with me not to complain "because we can't get nurses here, this is geriatric". He said it as though geriatric wards were leper colonies; small wonder his staff weren't motivated.

Yet in pockets there were fantastic teams, nurses who rubbed my mother's hands with lavender oil, who cared for her tenderly, and supported us both. And I'd watch as wards closed, and precious teams like that were split up.

But by now my mother wasn't safe at home either. Illness followed illness, and, half-blind with exhaustion, I'd juggle drugs and hope, and there'd be the ambulance and casualty's lights again.

For years, I'd fought every offer of long-term care. But she needed more than one person. She was taken into a geriatric unit, for a trial.

It only took a couple of weeks. She fell not on soft carpets, but on the cement floor of a lavatory where she'd been left. As an inquiry established later, she'd fallen constantly, but the falls hadn't been reported. The fractures were so bad, the nurses showed me the X-rays and a scaffolding of metal. And when she died, she was saying my name.

Geriatric care isn't glamorous, but it can be as poignant and rewarding as the care of a child. We've all been children, and we'll all become old. We may have Alzheimer's disease or some other dementia. We'll need kindness and love — not understaffed wards, or leper colonies. More than anything else, my mother adored hugs and kisses. She deserved better, and I hope that one day people like her will get it.

> We will need kindness and love, not leper colonies

ALIDA BAXTER

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Be warned: bridge is addictive and leads to strange behaviour

Once the province of the blue-rinse brigade, bridge is growing increasingly fashionable. **Susanna Gross** reports

ALLEN WELLER

The author and Ed Victor have discovered "the antisocial thrill of sitting down with people you've never met before and asking 'Do you play weak or strong no-trump?' "

It wasn't so long ago that people gave me pitying looks when I told them I played bridge. I might as well have told them I was considering a blue rinse. Bridge was a game to take up in your old age, something to keep boredom at bay. But over the past few years a curious change has taken place. Those same people are ringing up and asking me where they can learn bridge. The game, it seems, is back in fashion. And in a big way: Harold Pinter, Lady Antonia Fraser, Charles Saatchi, the theatre impresario Michael White, the fashion guru Isaac Mizrahi — these are just some of the devotees.

But be warned: bridge is seriously addictive and can lead to some strange behaviour. Take the friends who invited me to their Somerset cottage to play for the night — their wedding night, to be precise. After the reception, we returned to their home. The bride, still in her wedding dress, rushed upstairs to slip into something more comfortable, and came straight down to the bridge table, where the groom was fumbling to undo a new pack of cards. We played until dawn.

Or take my holiday with several other bridge players on a beautiful Swedish island last summer. We arrived, unpacked, freshened up, admired the glorious view from the balcony — and headed indoors to cut for partners. We did little else but play for three days. On the fourth day, we decided it was time to go out. So we loaded our bridge table onto a little hired boat and sailed off to the middle of a bay. There, we found a rock about the size of a large drawing room and resumed play.

It's hard to explain what makes bridge quite so compulsive. It's partly because you can never stop improving; partly because, unlike chess, chance plays a crucial rôle as well as skill; partly because there are ample opportunities for showing off — and three people, not just one, to congratulate you. In addition, having a partner lends the game a curious intimacy. Communication is all important, which is why an entire language of bridge has evolved. There are, for example, the names given to various manoeuvres: a "squeeze" is an advanced play, but there are endless refinements — the suicide squeeze, the criss-cross squeeze, the non-simultaneous double-squeeze.

But what I enjoy above all are the insights bridge gives you to a person's character. You can learn more about someone during an evening's play than you ever could over dinner. The wild optimist, the timid underbidder, the player with imagination — all is revealed. The man you thought so urbane and charming turns out to blame all his mistakes on his partner; the one you thought pompous has an endearing habit of blaming himself.

It is impossible, however, to grasp the game's appeal until you sit down and play. No one, for example, was more against the idea of bridge than Ed Victor, the literary agent, whom I met two years ago. When he told me his wife played, I asked if he was tempted to learn. He gave me a horrified look. "Absolutely not," he said. He didn't have time for that sort ot thing.

A year later I met him again. Somehow he had a softer, warmer glow about him. "Guess what?" he said. "I *love* bridge." His wife, it transpired, had given him a course of lessons for his birthday. Or rather, she had asked her bridge teacher to spring a surprise visit at their country retreat. Ed had spent the day shut up in a room with a grandmaster. When he finally emergd, he was a changed man. Now, he no longer greets me with "Hello" or "How are you?" but bursts straight into his latest game: "You know what happened the other night? I had seven hearts with honours, but we ended up playing in a 4-2 spade fit . . ."

This, then, is the world of social bridge. But there is also the strange world of club bridge. I first walked into a bridge club about four years ago. It seemed so much easier than organising three people for a game: here was bridge on tap, six nights a week. In a smoke-filled basement, table after table was laid out. Around each table sat an assortment of people — pinstriped City types to dishevelled dropouts, bouffant ladies to gawky youths — all united in a love of bridge.

They were playing what is known as duplicate bridge. This is a competition: you and your partner play every pair in the room. The cards are pre-dealt, so everyone ends up playing the same hands. At the end, the scores are compared. The standard was incomparably higher than anything I was used to. My friends and I had thought we were pretty good. Here, I suddenly found myself being described as a beginner. "But I've been playing for five years!" I eventually confided to a kindly grandmaster. "Mmm," he replied. "Exactly who with?"

A whole new world of bridge had opened up. Here I was, with people who seemed to do little but think, talk and play the game. Gone was the gossipy table-talk I had previously indulged in with friends. Instead, I had to learn to use "bidding boxes" (which prevent people at the next table from overhearing you). And there was no question of my mistakes being laughed off. Instead, opponents would immediately call for the "tournament director", who would come over clutching the *International Laws of Contract Bridge* and reading out its decrees.

Most social bridge players don't go to bridge clubs, and don't want to. But once my terror had subsided, I developed a taste for this underworld. I particularly relished the unfriendliness of the game: the antisocial thrill of sitting down to play against two people you've never met before and simply asking: "Do you play weak or strong no-trump?"

Despite its genteel image, bridge can be a very macho game. As soon as I was comfortable playing duplicate bridge, I ventured into the world of rubber bridge clubs, where people play for stakes. Before long I had the experience of sneaking off to a club at midnight and promptly losing a day's earnings. Unlike duplicate, at rubber bridge you cut for new partners after each session. Although most people are reasonable, certain players are very rude. "Cut me in, boys," they say as they swagger in. Then they roll up their sleeves, lean back, puff on their cigars, and lose no time in making clear what they think: "Whaddya do that for? Jesus! Haven't you played this game before?"

Why would I want to play with such people? Because I love the game enough to put up with it. After all, the only way to improve is to play with people who are better than you. And no sport is gentle at the top. Perhaps one day I'll be good enough to play in the so-called "big game" at TGR Bridge Club, on London's Bayswater Road. Here, in a discreet basement, the world's top players, including the flamboyant Zia Mahmood (the most famous of today's stars) and Bob Hammam (ranked No 1) flock to play for the highest stakes in Europe. A punter is not even allowed to join in unless he can lay down a £15,000 deposit — because that's how much he could lose in a few hours.

But, except at this level, money doesn't really come into it. The great majority of games are played for tiny stakes or none at all, and enjoyed just as intensely.

Boxer **Lennox Lewis** deplores the behaviour of Mike Tyson

The kids that I try to help

DES JENSON

Skills: Lennox sits in on a lesson at the college

Mike Tyson's despicable and demeaning display on Saturday is a tragedy for all the young people for whom boxers are an inspiring role model. His barbaric behaviour not only gives the wrong signal to the world about boxing, it offers kids who look up to boxers a worrying example.

Childhood influences shape our lives. The most haunting memory of my early years was when, aged eight, I was excluded from my school for fighting. I don't doubt that I was aggressive, disruptive and totally uninterested in learning — but I am very much aware that the school's action could have resulted in me becoming permanently alienated from society.

It was that memory which prompted me to try to do something to help kids who find themselves in a similar situation today. I have been where they are now and I remember how it feels. I was lucky in that my talent for boxing was eventually recognised, and the very thing that provoked my exclusion from school became my salvation. But as I began to achieve success, I became more aware of the fact that learning is the key to a fulfilled life. Kids who find it difficult to function within the conventional education system are regarded as a threat to the rest of society.

I wondered if it would be possible to create a place of learning that would be acceptable to the kind of kids who had found themselves outside conventional education. At present, there are few routes open to them. Most end up in Pupil Referral Units doing classes for a couple of hours a day. Many of the PRUs carry a terrible stigma with them. At the Lennox Lewis College — which opened its doors to 60 pupils in 1995 — we aim to remove that stigma. The only criteria for acceptance is the will to change. We can't perform miracles and we cannot teach those who really do not want to be taught. Some of the students have been disruptive, many have become caught up in the criminal justice system and a proportion are in care. The transformation that occurs within a couple of months is amazing. Of course drawing these kids back into full-time education is not easy. We have to build up their confidence by using a number of incentives. But by taking a genuine interest in each student, we can effect a remarkable change.

More conventional schools talk about teaching the three Rs — writing, reading and arithmetic. In order to do that we first have to teach the fourth R — respect. I try hard personally to reinforce that message when I drop in to the college. If I find that a pupil isn't paying attention I'll say to him: "Hey, listen, man, you need to know this." I use the respect they have for me to inspire respect in their education.

Obviously the level of care and expertise we offer is not cheap. It costs around £12,000 a year to keep a student at this college and currently almost all those funds are being met from my own income. When I set up the college, I did so because I believed passionately in the idea of rehabilitation through education, but I do worry about how long I will be able to carry the burden on my own.

Recently, I met a student's mother. She told me what a difference her son's acceptance at the school had made to her life. It struck me quite dramatically that it might have been my own mother and the student might have been me. Being able to give that boy another chance of achieving a proper education gives me enormous satisfaction. Not because it *could* have been me, but because it *was* me.

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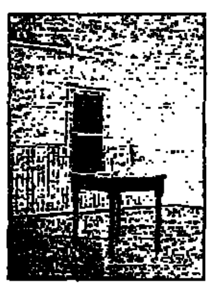
Scorched by the experience of war, Fernand Léger produced work of intense visionary quality



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In Piccadilly the Lufthansa Festival ends in subdued style as it had begun — with J.S. Bach

PARIS GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on the Pompidou Centre's stunning tribute to the worlds of Fernand Léger

The bold mechanics of Légerdemain

Hemmed in by grey walls, three soldiers play cards with the grim concentration of generals planning a ferocious campaign. Their metal-plated bodies gleam like robots, and the pipes jutting from their mouths send out puffs of gunsmoke. Although the composition has echoes of Cézanne's *stolid card-players, these men* are far more sinister than Provençal peasants.

Fernand Léger was convalescing from prolonged war service when he painted this impressive canvas in 1917. Drained by his frontline experience in the engineering corps, the 36-year-old artist had just been discharged from hospital. The injured and shell-shocked patients he saw there confirmed *his wry belief that* the battle strategy "is just as horrible as economic warfare in peacetime. The only difference is that the result is pushed a little bit further: instead of ruining a chap, you kill him."

> ❛ Léger had a formidable appetite for 20th-century urban life ❜

But Léger, like his trio of *card-clutching combatants,* was a survivor. From the outset of his superbly installed retrospective at the Pompidou Centre in Paris, he establishes himself as a tough-minded, resolute individual. Although he shared an early love of Cézanne with other Cubist artists, his prewar pictures already define a singular vision. *The monumental* nudes lumbering through a forest in Léger's first ambitious canvas may belong to a primordial world. But the harsh angularity of their faceted bodies, no less than the metallic trees and vegetation, belong to the machine age as much as to prehistory.

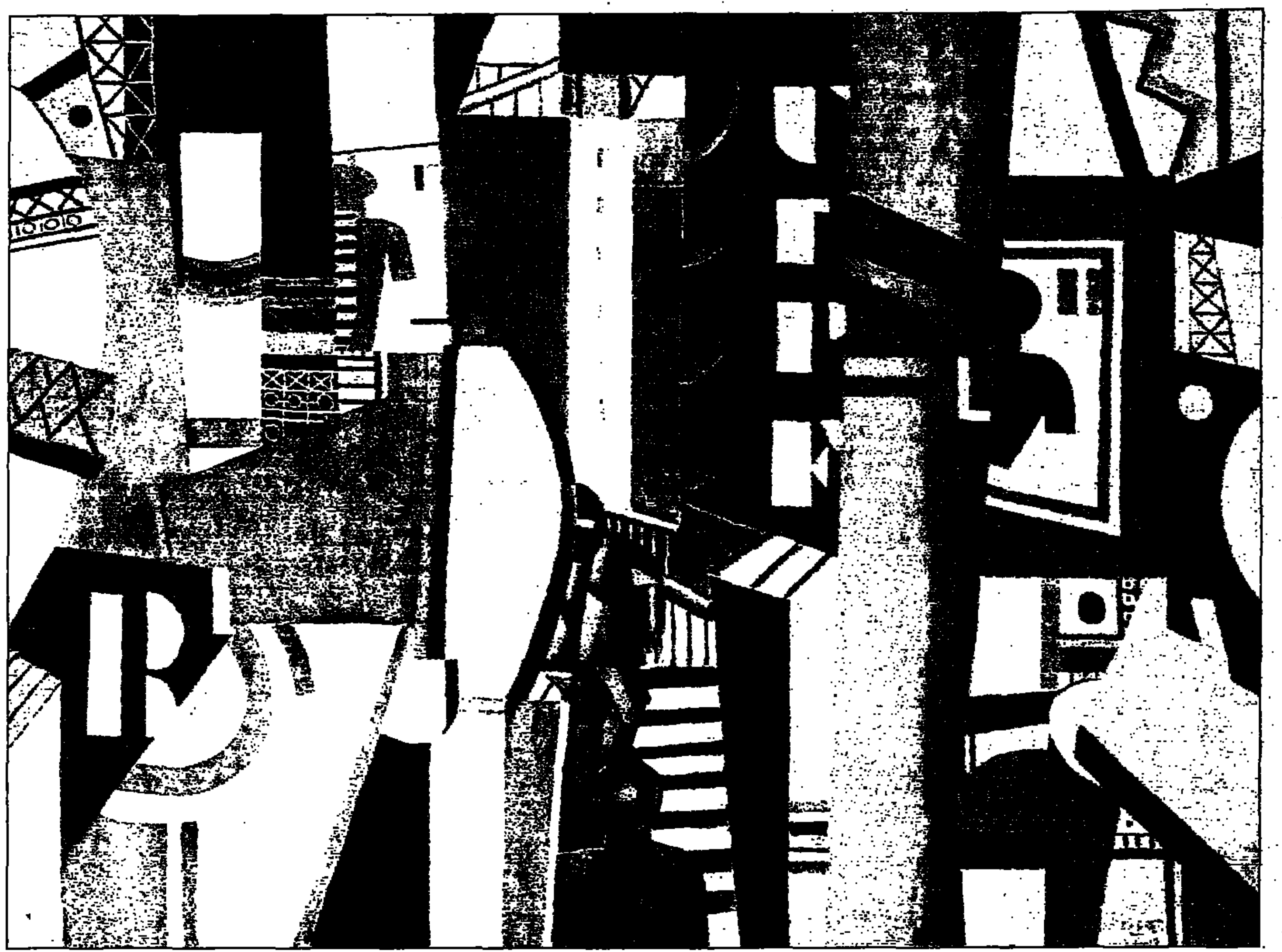
Léger had a formidable appetite for 20th-century urban life, and his Cubist work often focuses on clanking figures whose bulky bodies move through their austere surroundings with unstoppable energy. Léger seems to be commenting on the ruthless impersonality of modern, big-city existence, and his shiny blue and red figures resemble automata. But their structure also derives from a purist determination to strip his pictorial language of everything except line, colour and form at their most simplified. These roughly summarised bodies may seem robotic, but in one painting they are identified as dancers from the Russian Ballet.

At this stage in his magisterial progress, Léger saw everything in terms of dynamically contrasted volumes, and in his most abstract works they clash against each other like an uneasy prophecy of the war to come. Active service proved a turning point. By the time he painted *The Card Game*, Léger had decided to pull back from abstraction. Looking back on the war years, he recalled being "dazzled by an open gun breech in the sun, the magic of light on white metal ... Once I had bitten into that reality, the object never *left me."* He relished the solidity of the machine world, and it may seem surprising that Léger made so little sculpture.

But he also respected the flatness of his picture-surface. Even a powerful 1918 painting called *The Circus Acrobats resists the temptation to let* figures plunge through space. Léger pushes them hard against the picture plane and, instead of savouring their exuberant agility, he turns them into helmeted embodiments of the war years.

What gives this image its outstanding dynamism, though, is Léger's mastery of *colour contrasts. The picture* is broken up into a patchwork of crisply juxtaposed segments, and their precision is awesome. Before the war, Léger's handling often looked cursory, as if he had no time for ingratiating brushwork. Now, however, everything is organised with exactitude and aspires to a smooth, almost industrialised finish.

As if to celebrate his return to a mercifully intact Paris after the devastation of the killing fields, he produced some ambitious paintings of urban life. Gigantic coloured discs pulsate in some of them, recalling the work of his old friend Robert Delaunay. But Léger's vision was harder, less bound up with purely optical sensation. His discs are firmly lodged in the rectilinear geometry of urban architecture, and a similar feeling of enclosure dominates a 1919 masterpiece simply titled *The City*.



Buildings and signs dominate the two human figures at the centre of *The City* (1919), the work of an artist recently returned from the horrors of war

By far the largest canvas Léger had so far produced, it contains at the centre two figures on a staircase. Unlike the similar pedestrians he had painted in the prewar period, these grey bodies lack boisterousness. And the steps they descend are now only a small element in a complex panorama, where colossal letters vie with girders, poles, windows and a host of less identifiable fragments energised above all by their poster-like colour.

In its size and outspoken impact, this heraldic painting suggests that Léger was increasingly stimulated by the spectacle of the billboard. But he was not yet ready to allow people a prominent presence in his postwar work. Away from the staircase, figures in *The City* are reduced to cut-out forms, sliced off by neighbouring buildings and trapped within the labyrinth of their surroundings.

However much Léger may have been aware of urban alienation and the new century's unprecedented capacity for destruction, he was essentially an optimist. Anguish cannot be found in his work of the 1920s, when so much of his finest work was produced. Léger was profoundly indebted to classicism, and a fascination with Poussin can be detected in many of his grandest images. When figures finally begin to assert themselves in his paintings, though, they convey no hint of nostalgia for the past.

The objects in Léger's best interwar work possess as much intensity as the people they accompany. In his 1924 film *Ballet Mécanique*, screened continually in the middle of the Pompidou exhibition, he relishes a succession of industrial forms. Occasionally a smiling woman on a swing, a plump laundress or the sly, erotic features of Man Ray's mistress Kiki de Montparnasse interrupt the egg-beaters, pistons and other pounding components. But there is no mistaking Léger's determination to give these often-repeated objects as much dignity and significance as the human performers.

> ❛ His later work anticipates the clangour of Pop Art ❜

Given Léger's infatuation with the archetypal modern city, it was inevitable that he should travel to New York. His first visit in 1931 proved so mesmerising that he returned again and again, eventually spending most of the Second World War in California, New York and Canada. The American years were marked by a turning-away from angularity. Far from allowing himself to be obsessed with the skyscrapers of Manhattan, he concentrated on the curvilinear rhythms of naked divers and a provocative circus star called Big Julie. The heaviness that had afflicted his most grandiose paintings of the 1930s dropped away, especially in an ebullient canvas called *Adieu New York*, where colour streams across the surface with a new, exhilarating sense of liberation. It anticipates the clangour of Pop Art, and Roy Lichtenstein in particular must have learnt a great deal from Léger's late work.

But too many of the paintings he made after returning to France seem slipshod compared with the overwhelming authority of his 1920s work. For a long time, absence of doubt had been a central strength. Now it often led him into slackness.

Just before he died in 1955, though, Léger recovered his vivacity with a colossal painting called *The Grand Parade*. Drawing on enraptured boyhood memories of the circus, he animated his irrepressible canvas with ballerinas, clowns and acrobats. Above all, this mural-sized swansong gains its brio from undulating bands of scarlet, blue, orange and green. They are a final, flamboyant affirmation of his prolonged love affair with the dynamism of modern life.

● Fernand Léger *at the Pompidou Centre, Paris, until Sep 29 (00 331 44781233)*

LONDON GALLERIES

IN *Home*, a well-rounded exhibition at the Margaret Harvey Gallery, the arrangement of small sculptural objects avoids the pitfalls of "atmospheric" installation. Obvious reference to the sinister gives way to a more thoughtful collection. **Jane Simpson's** rubber casts of girls' bedroom ornaments include a little birdie perched on the fork of a fake wooden branch. **Neil Misrahi's** Union Jack *painting has a central* black cross. Only the sofa perched in front of **Leo's** continuous storytelling video hints at the exact scale of the familiar sitting room.

Each of **Daniel Cigman's** Perspex boxes verbally illustrating a dream punctuates the space while fake flowers, like those washed or blown away from a graveyard, are delicately displayed by **Hugh Hamshaw-Thomas. Richard Forster's** sweet pink and white striped detachable mantelpiece and painting are somehow contrarily complemented by the excellent thickly painted red carpet strip by **Richard Woods.**

Margaret Harvey Gallery, University of Hertfordshire, 7 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3RS (01707 285376), until July 12

☐ THE first venue of *Martin*, a two-site exhibition featuring 17 artists, or groups of artists, promises well. **Stefan Beck's** diagram of a musical journey through Frankfurt illustrates to just the right level. Accompanied by music on headphones, a route can be traced from the "reactionary green crowd" to the band of "liberal terror". Downstairs here, at the Commercial Gallery, **Rod Dickenson's** pinboard crammed with information collected by "crop circle enthusiasts" hangs near one of his perfunctory spacecraft drawings. **John Timberlake's** rather dry paintings promise a strange take on an urban invention, while back upstairs **Alison Gill's** small figure of the Grim Reaper weeps blood. Upstairs, a few streets away, **Hiroko Okada's** cat's cradle of illustrated kites sets up a light interference across the space.

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CONCERT

La Petite Bande/Kuijken
St James, Piccadilly

THIS year's Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music ended as it had begun, with the music of J.S. Bach. But this was no exuberant culmination: had it not been for the singing of Andreas Scholl, this would have been an evening as damp and dark as the midsummer over which the festival has reigned.

Sigiswald Kuijken and his Petite Bande were in subdued mood. Not only did they choose a severe, Lenten-oriented programme of cantatas, in which the word "sin" refused to go away, but they cast many a *shadow over the more* innocent instrumental works too. They followed the elegiac Concerto for violin and oboe, BWV1060 (Kuijken and Marcel Ponseele) with the Brandenburg *Concerto* No 6, *in* which the austerity of strings old and new — two violas and cello pitted against two viole da gamba and violone — was exaggerated by tired, lacklustre playing seemingly bent on self-denial.

If one dared to look for colour, for varied timbre, for suppleness of inflection within rhythmic precision, then it was to be found only in the singing of countertenor Andreas Scholl. But this was quite some "only": it is thrilling to observe Scholl's voice expanding and maturing on each visit to London, and on Saturday he sang as well as I have ever heard him.

The cantata *Widerstehe doch der Sünde (Hold yourself firm against all evil)* showed off the distinctively firm and resonant low register of this exceptional voice. Long, strong phrasing dominated in an aria from *Bekennen will ich seinen Namen (I will avow his name)*, before the major work of the evening, *Vernügte Ruh', beliebte Seelenslust (O blessed rest, O welcome heart's delight)*.

Here the full and extraordinarily wide range of Scholl's countertenor gloried in Bach's more expansive and melismatic style. His recitative, always beautifully paced and enunciated, was sensitive to the shifting stages of meditation here: from reflection on the world's ills in robust tone and hard consonants, to a veiling of the voice as God is addressed with humility and remorse. This change also shaped the subsequent aria. *Even La Petite Bande could* not resist finally tuning their spirits and instruments to musicianship as alert and imaginative as this.

HILARY FINCH

CLASSICAL CHOICE

This week, in conjunction with Radio 3, the distinguished music critic **Robert Layton** chooses ten favourite recordings

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Few chamber works are more sublime than **Schubert's String Quintet in C, D956** and few performances finer than by the **Hollywood Quartet** and **Kurt Reher** (Testament mono SBT 1031, £12.99). Though a lesser master, Grieg has the same naturalness of utterance and effortless lyrical flow. **Emil Gilels's** anthology of **Grieg's Lyric Pieces** (DG449 721-2, £9.99) offers infinite variety of tone colour.

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Neil Bartlett takes a solo journey through life via Poussin's paintings

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VENUE: Opens tonight at the Minerva Studio

Wagner travelling light

It's not often an audience emerges from the fourth and longest opera of *The Ring* feeling revitalised, but as the Rhine overflowed and Valhalla was engulfed in flames at the close of *Götterdämmerung*, many of the 1,200 who packed Norwich's Theatre Royal on Saturday looked ready to repeat their ten-day adventure. The city's first *Ring*, presented with resourceful flair by the Theatre Royal and Norwegian Opera, is memorable above all for being so refreshingly free of the Teutonic baggage that often weighs Wagner's cycle down.

OPERA

Götterdämmerung/ Siegfried
Norwich

Though produced by an Englishman, Mike Ashman, this *Ring* is strong on its Nordic roots, with the Norwegians apparently intent on reclaiming their part of the saga. The prophesying Norns, for instance, seem to step straight out of the *Edda*. Several of Kathrine Hysing's stage pictures reinforce this impression, not just the Norwegian-looking Christmas trees, which also serve as reminder that the cycle is partly a gift of the Norwegians: the project only happened thanks to a substantial injection of state funds from across the North Sea, something impossible to imagine happening the other way around.

As the cycle progressed, these trees became a visual *leitmotif*, reappearing in most of the crucial scenes. By the Prologue to *Götterdämmerung* they stood under a doom-laden sky apparently devastated by nuclear fallout. It was here that the components of Ashman's time-travelling *Ring* finally fell into place, with the futuristic designs following on naturally from a contemporary-looking *Siegfried*, a *Walküre* set in the 19th century, and a *Rheingold* dominated by gods in 18th-century costume.

Of the final two instalments, *Siegfried* featured the most striking designs, including a giant, Jurassic-style dragon's leg which clawed its way out of Fafner's lair, and a feminine Woodbird flying above the stage on a swing. But all the designs, whether abstract or naturalistic, illustrated both the music and the drama faithfully, and this *Ring* was notable for being free of the in-your-face concepts often imposed on the work. Ashman allows the stereotypical characters to remain stereotypes, open to everyone's own interpretation.

True heroine: Carol Yahr as an alert and radiant Brünnhilde in Norwegian Opera's *Götterdämmerung*

This cycle will also be remembered for the musical intimacy achieved by the conductor Heinz Fricke, something seldom heard in larger theatres. Although he was perhaps a little staid in *Siegfried*, the cycle's "scherzo" movement, Fricke's pacing was steady throughout and his support of the singers always considerate. None had to shout, and some managed almost to whisper at times, getting words and musical lines across with ease.

Indeed, Arild Helleland sang an uncommonly musical Mime, far removed from the manic caricature usually presented and a strong contrast with the vivid Alberich of Hartmut Welker. Also in *Siegfried*, Toril Carlsen made a bright Woodbird, and Knut Skram, one of Norway's best-known singers, an even-toned, noble Wanderer; the dramatic loss of having a different Wotan and Wanderer became a musical gain.

In *Götterdämmerung*, which highlighted excellent trios of Norns and Rhinemaidens, and an intense, gleaming Waltraute from Rosemarie Lang, several of the singers gave their finest performances. Gudjon Oskarsson, who had earlier made his mark as Fafner and Hunding, proved himself one of the company's outstanding singing-actors as a Hagen of dark power, and Edward Cook's Siegfried was in stronger voice, having started out as a hard-working but underpowered hero. Best of all was Carol Yahr's alert and radiant Brünnhilde, who over her moving scenes developed into the true heroine of this remarkable cycle.

JOHN ALLISON

Great way to say goodbye

POP

Dionne Warwick
Festival Hall

If the programme notes are to be believed, Dionne Warwick's visit to the South Bank may well prove to be her farewell to this country. Retirement beckons. Or so she would have us believe: announcements of that sort have a habit of turning into a long goodbye, as one last tour follows another.

With any luck, she will be back. But if Warwick really is bowing out, this was quite a way to leave the stage. An often diffident and reserved performer in the past, she gave an irresistible, two-hour display of pop artistry: no gimmicks, no preening and only one cumbersome bout of audience participation.

It was all the more remarkable considering how many hits she casually dispatched in a breathless opening sequence in the first half hour, the BBC Concert Orchestra arrayed behind her. Other singers would have been forgiven for holding *Walk On By* in reserve for a grand finale.

Not Warwick. *Anyone Who Had A Heart* went the same way, quickly followed by *I Say A Little Prayer*. Swapping phrases with her three backing singers (who included her sister and one of her cousins), Warwick seemed excessively eager to lay the past to rest.

Her voice took longer to settle. Whether due to fatigue or prolonged exposure to a British summer, there was a touch of hoarseness to her delivery in the early stages. On *Walk On By*, she was quite plainly snatching at the higher notes, the smooth, liquid flow for once absent.

Since so much of her appeal lies in her precise articulation, this was a potentially serious problem. Yet by the time she unfurled a perfectly paced reading of *A House Is Not A Home* her delivery was returning to normal.

There were, it transpired, plenty more items to be plucked from the depths of the Burt Bacharach-Hal David songbook, while the Bee Gees' *Heartbreaker* received better treatment than perhaps it deserves. Warwick conferring sophistication on everything she touches. One welcome excursion came in the shape of a sensual Jobim medley in celebration of her newly adopted home of Brazil. Musical director Joe Kloess imposed an unhurried pulse on material as varied as *Agua de Março*, *Wave* and *Retrato em Branco e Preto*.

CLIVE DAVIS

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

DON PASQUALE European Chamber Opera transforms Donizetti's comic masterpiece into a commedia dell'arte plot, complete with silly old men, scheming women and podgy doctors. Conducted by Jonathan Tilbrook, with designs by Alf Bower. Sung in Italian.
Holland Park, Holland Park, W8 (0171-602 7856). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm. ♿

REYKJAVIK WIND QUINTET The members of this virtuoso ensemble — [illegible], flute, Dadi Kolbeinsson, oboe, Einar Johannesson, clarinet, Josef Ognibene, horn, and Hafsteinn Gudmundsson, bassoon — are also members of the Iceland Symphony Orchestra. This evening's programme includes James MacMillan's [illegible] and the first London performance of Charles Camilleri's The Picasso Suite and Haflidi Hallgrimsson's Intarsia.
The Space St Paul's Arts Centre, 269 Westferry Road, E14 (0171-515 7799). Tonight 7.30pm.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF NICOLAS POUSSIN Seven solo performances by Neil Bartlett in what sounds a fascinating account of the soul's journey through life, inspired by Poussin's suite of seven paintings (on permanent display at the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh). Performed in a medical lecture room.
Royal London Hospital Whitechapel Road E1 (0181-741 2311 — Lyric Hammersmith). Tonight-July 7, 8pm.

SHELL LSO FINAL Four outstanding players, selected from more than 350 entrants, perform as soloists with the London Symphony Orchestra in this evening's Music Scholarship final.
Barbican Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight 7pm. ♿

ELSEWHERE

CHESTER The **Chester Mystery Plays**, the medieval tradition of staging earthy, funny and moving plays drawn from the Bible, now takes place every five years. This year's Mystery Plays are being performed in modern English in three parts — Heaven, Miracles and Hell — under marquee cover in the grounds of Chester Cathedral.
Chester Mystery Plays (01244 340392). Heaven: July 2, 7, 10, 14, 7.30pm; July 5, 12, 11am. Miracles: tonight, July 4, 8, 11, 15, 7.30pm; July 5, 12, 2pm. Hell: tomorrow, July 5, 9, 12, 13, 16, 7.30pm.

CHICHESTER Kathleen Turner in Sandra Ryan Heyward's one-woman show, **Tallulah!** Dietrich called Miss Bankhead "the most immoral woman who ever lived" and no doubt we shall hear all about it.
Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Opens tonight 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (July 3, 10), Sats, 2.45pm. Until July 12.

WATFORD Sutton Vane's mystery classic **Outward Bound**, set aboard a mysterious ocean liner. Giles Croft directs a rare revival of the 1920s hit.
Palace Clarendon Road (01923 225671). Opens tonight 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (July 9), 2.30pm, Sat (July 5 & 19), 3pm. Until July 19.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum Printmaking in Paris: Picasso and His Contemporaries (0171-636 1555) **Dulwich Picture** Stubbs's Dogs (0181-693 5254) **Festival Hall** Dancing in the moonlight [illegible] (0171-960 4242) **Jill George** David Mach — New Drawings "Travel" and Other Work (0171-439 7319) **Michael Goedhuis** Paintings by Yang Yanping (0171-823 2228) **Redfern** Ann Christopher (0171-734 1732) **Royal Academy** 229th Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438) **Serpentine** Tadashi Kawamata (Gallery Lawn) (0171-402 6075) **Tate** Henry Tate's Gift — A Centenary Celebration (0171-887 8000) **Whitechapel** Cathy de Monchaux (0171-522 7888)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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■ **ALL THINGS CONSIDERED** Christopher Godwin plays a professor of philosophy whose attempts at suicide are constantly thwarted by visits from students and colleagues. Alan Strachan directs Ben Brown's black comedy, success from Scarborough.
Hampstead Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat, 3.30pm. Until July 5.

☐ **ALWAYS** Believe it or not, the King and Mrs Simpson story, set to music by William May and Jason Sprague, starring Jan Hartley and Clive Carter.
Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm.

☐ **DAMN YANKEES** West End debut for Jerry Lewis, heading an all-American cast in the Richard Adler/Jerry Ross musical about the baseball fan who sells his soul to the devil. Jack O'Brien directs.
Adelphi Strand, WC2 (0171-413 1777). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm.

■ **KING LEAR** Ian Holm magnificent, the performance of a lifetime. Richard Eyre's farewell production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow 7pm. In rep.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** Braham Murray's production of Wilde. Gabrielle Drake plays the woman with a past, Rebecca Johnson the virtuous wife [illegible].
Theatre Royal Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm. Until July 12.

☐ **THE MAIDS** Niamh Cusack and Kerry Fox play the title roles, with Josette Simon as their adored and hated mistress, in Genet's over-heated but compelling drama of obsession.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE PROVOK'D WIFE** Michael Pennington and Victoria Hamilton play Sir John and Lady Brute in Vanbrugh's pungent analysis of a failed marriage.
Old Vic Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Now previewing tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens July 4, 7.30pm. Then in rep.

☐ **SHOPPING AND F***ING** Mark Ravenhill's hyper-realist look at a druggy, everything-for-sale society returns for six weeks prior to the Edinburgh Festival.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat 5pm. Until August 6.

☐ **TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS** Controversial play from Broadway by Jonathan Tolins in which a gay opera designer learns that his scientist brother-in-law [illegible] has discovered his baby will be gay. Should he abort it? Polly James directs a passionate issue play.
Arts Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Until August 2.

☐ **WISHBONES** New play by Lucinda Coxon, author of the haunting *Waiting at the Water's Edge*. Simon Usher directs [illegible] and Madeleine Newton as two childhood friends whose meeting as adults awakens old fantasies. Set in Derbyshire.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until July 12.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ☐ **Grease** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ☐ **An Inspector Calls** Garrick (0171-494 5085) ◩ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) ☐ **Miss Saigon** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ☐ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ☐ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG) Schwarzenegger's Mr Freeze tries to hold Gotham to ransom. Exhausting epic, with George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell and Uma Thurman. Director Joel Schumacher.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE BATTLE OF ALGIERS Gillo Pontecorvo's masterly drama about the Algerian struggle for independence made in 1965.
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

FRANTZ FANON: BLACK SKIN WHITE MASK Absorbing poetic portrait of the black intellectual. Director, Isaac Julien.
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◆ **LOVE JONES** (15) Modern courtship among Chicago's blacks. Endearing romance, with Larenz Tate and Nia Long.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

BIG NIGHT (15) Tribulations at an Italian restaurant. Thoughtful drama, with Stanley Tucci, Tony Shalhoub, Ian Holm.
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◆ **DONNIE BRASCO** (18) FBI agent Johnny Depp befriends Mafia wiseguy Al Pacino. Thoughtful gangster saga, directed by Mike Newell.
Odeon Mezzanine ♿ (0181-315 4215) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990)

◆ **THE ENGLISH PATIENT** (15) Map-making Ralph Fiennes smoulders with passion for Kristin Scott Thomas. Epic, intelligent, though not quite worth all the praise. Director, Anthony Minghella.
Plaza (0990-888 990) **Warner** (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

EVERYONE SAYS I LOVE YOU (12) New York neuroses set to music by Woody Allen. Beguiling, but thin. With Alan Alda and Julia Roberts.
Odeon Mezzanine ♿ (0181-315 4215)

◆ **THE FIFTH ELEMENT** (PG) Flabby sci-fi epic from Luc Besson, with Bruce Willis as the taxi-driver who might save the world.
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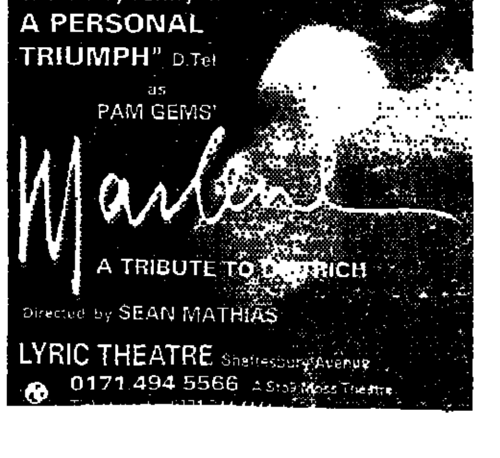

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We demand a voice on Amsterdam

Michael Howard wants Labour to put the treaty to a referendum

The Amsterdam treaty is a defeat for Britain. The Government has made big concessions to the other members in return for little more than agreements that the United Kingdom can continue to control policies which it has always controlled anyway.

The original purpose of the summit was to prepare for the admission of the Central and Eastern European nations, an aim shared by all the main political parties. But the treaty makes none of the institutional changes that would have brought enlargement forward: it is a prescription for a deeper, not a wider Europe.

The Government has failed to secure a better deal for British fishermen. During the election, Labour agreed with us that the problem of foreign "quota-hoppers" could be tackled only by changing the European treaties. But the Prime Minister has come back from Amsterdam with nothing more than a letter from the Commission that restates the existing situation by confirming Britain's right to issue licences which require a proportion of fish to be landed here. So Tony Blair has done nothing new to prevent foreign boats from fishing our quota.

Nor has the Government come back with any other positive gains. It has done nothing to decentralise power in the EU, nothing to curb the political ambitions of the European Court, and nothing to reform the common agricultural policy — something we used to hear a great deal about when Labour was in Opposition.

Perhaps the most dangerous aspect of the treaty is that it erodes Britain's veto. First, qualified majority voting is extended to 16 new areas, including such vital matters as social and employment policy. Majority voting means that Britain can be forced to adopt measures which it believes to be harmful.

Secondly, Article F of the treaty declares that "the Union shall be founded on the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law, principles which are common to the member states". No one could disagree with this sentiment. The trouble is that human rights can be, and are, interpreted in widely differing ways. Under Article F (a), if EU members find a state guilty of a persistent and serious breach of those principles, they can suspend its voting rights and any other rights it enjoys as an EU member. They are required to consult the European Parliament, but not any judicial body.

It does not take much imagination to see how this clause could be used to disarm the veto. If one country were preventing the others from adopting a measure which they regarded as vital, Article F (a) could be used as a pretext to suspend its voting rights. Anything could be described as a human rights abuse if the political will were there: anti-terrorist legislation or immigration controls. The section of the treaty concerned with fundamental rights talks of anti-discrimination measures and of "a high level of employment and social protection": plenty of ammunition for someone seeking the widest possible interpretation of human rights.

Moreover, while the veto is being removed from the member states, new powers of veto are being given to the European Parliament. Federalists want to create a bicameral legislature, with the Parliament as the lower chamber and the Council of Ministers as a kind of upper house, or *Bundesrat*, representing the member states. Supporters of this model want the Parliament be put on an equal legislative footing with the Council, through a procedure known as "co-decision". The idea of co-decision is that instead of national governments having a veto over EU legislation, that blocking power is exercised by the Parliament. Amsterdam extends co-decision to 23 new areas, including social and transport policy. New powers for Strasbourg mean fewer powers for Westminster.

Blair pleads with others not to use the social chapter

Before the election, Mr Blair claimed that the social chapter could not be used to impose unwanted burdens on British firms. Now he accepts that it can, and his new solution is to plead with the other members not to use the social chapter for the purposes they have always intended it. I wish him luck.

And what has Britain gained? Mr Blair is very proud of having opted out of the European border-free zone. It would be churlish of us to complain, having negotiated the deal ourselves before the election. The equation is simple: Britain has given its permission to the others to use the EU structures in this area in return for guaranteed control over our own frontiers. It is, of course, an unmistakable opt-out. What price now Labour's stated opposition to any permanent opt-outs?

The Amsterdam treaty opens the door to a significant loss of our self-government. The Danish Government has recognised its constitutional importance, and promised its people a referendum. Others may follow suit.

Labour, in general, is fond of referendums. If we are to have a referendum on whether London should have an elected mayor and the North East of England a regional assembly, surely we should have one on a matter of such constitutional significance as the Amsterdam treaty.

Before the election, John Major said that if Amsterdam involved significant constitutional change, we would have to consider a referendum. It does involve such change: it will take powers away from Westminster and give them to Brussels. The British people should be given the chance to say whether they think it is a good deal for Britain. And that means a referendum.

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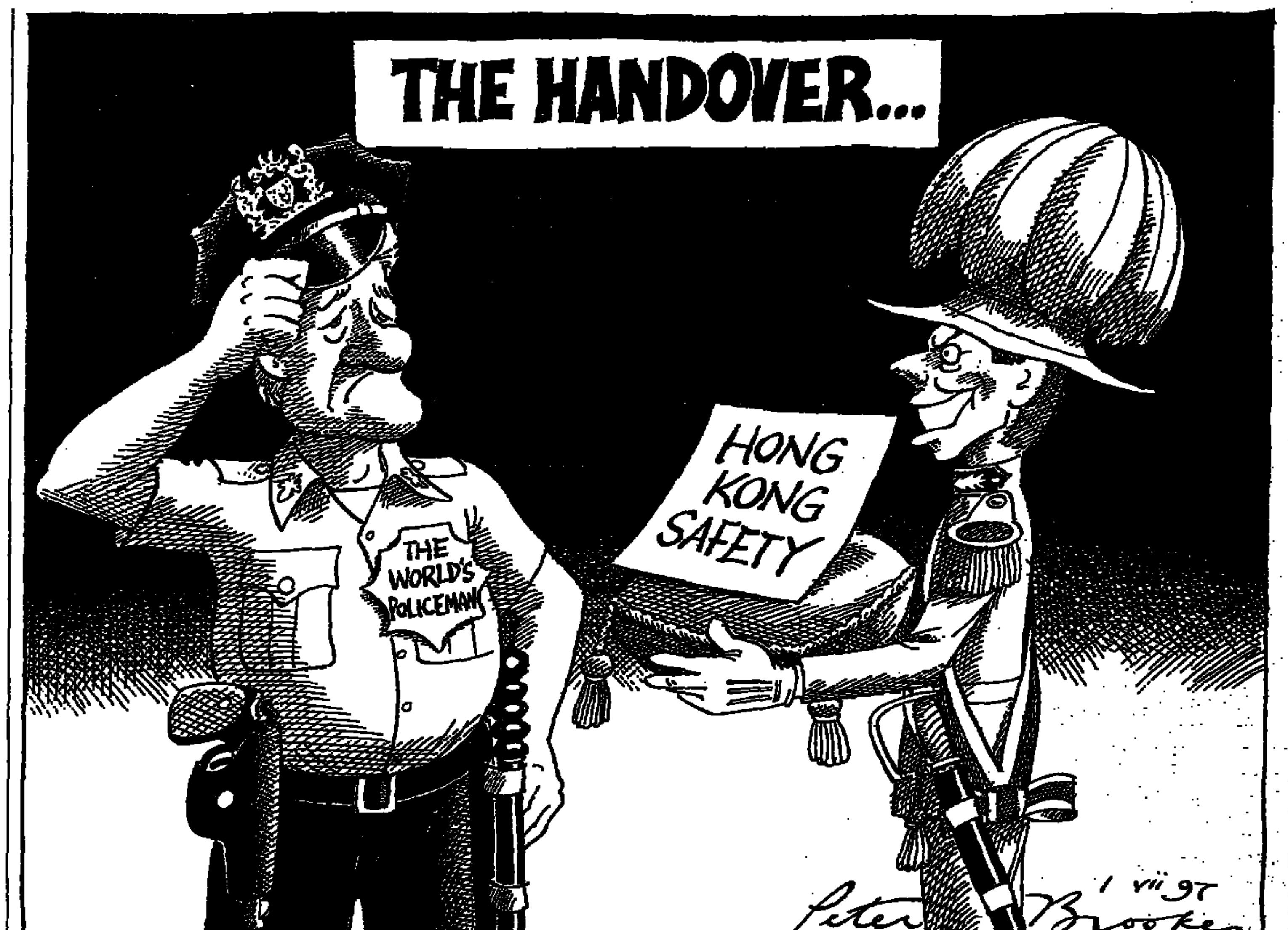

Long to rain over us

The Royal Pageant of the Horse is the ultimate summer washout

Libby Purves

I have an old recording of Edith Sitwell reading her sombre wartime poem for Good Friday, in a doomy, quavering voice. Played it the other day, to cheer myself up:

Still falls the rain
Dark as the world of man,
Black as our loss
Blind as the nineteen hundred
and forty nails
Upon the Cross . . .

But come now, Dame Edith, you must expect still-falling rain at Easter. As every child knows by now, it replenishes the ground-water supplies and tops up the aquifers, unlike summer rain, which apparently does no good at all but just makes people wet. What drenches the spirit this year is the resolute refusal of June to flame (except, apparently, in the Hebrides). Everywhere else the honourable roll of Great British Washouts lengthens daily, so that you can actually *feel* your character being formed by adversity. Down goes the Test match on the one day you had tickets and a day off; down goes Auntie's silver wedding garden party, down goes rock at Glastonbury and Handel in the park, Wimbledon and school sports day. It even poured on the handover ceremony in Hong Kong yesterday.

There is a certain spirit of glum camaraderie abroad: my man on the Reading train reports pinstriped commuters smiling with fatherly sympathy at mud-caked sleeping teenagers up from Glastonbury, and at least the thwarted egg-and-spoon favourite aged six can stand together in spirit with Tim Henman, stiff-lipped as both contemplate soaking frustration.

But after a few days' cheery exchange of Blitz spirit with our compatriots, the most British of us turn a bit snarly. No summer event is safe: I even managed to get washed out of a literary festival the other day. After four hours virtually stationary on various M25 interchanges, with the wipers going full tilt and capsized lorry-drivers trudging along the hard shoulder, it became clear that no power on this wet British earth could deliver me to Devizes before dusk. Or get me home, either.

Nothing to do but endure, punch radio buttons and listen to several hundred over-excited journalists full of free egg-fried-rice yammering on about the last Royal Yacht upping anchor in the last colony as the sun (sob!) sets on the Empire. A chance would be a fine thing, we homebodies snarled from the mud. The sun could set all it liked over here, provided the damn thing came out in the first place.

But the greatest, saddest, glummest washout went oddly under-reported. On Sunday night the estimable BBC radio news informed the nation that the Royal Pageant of the Horse, scheduled for Saturday next in Windsor Great Park, is cancelled owing to the ground being made dangerously unstable by rainfall. Neither television news bulletin bothered even to mention this disaster, being too preoccupied with close-ups of Mike Tyson's teethmarks on Evander Holyfield's ear. Most of the press gave it a passing, shrugging mention. Down our way, however, a great howl of grief rose. Never mind that we had, for some months, been gleeful owners of tickets for the stands; never mind that the picnic was planned and the M25 strategy devised. What shook us, having followed the progress of this quixotic, slightly mad enterprise from the start, was the sheer scale of what will not be happening.

Thirteen hundred horses will no longer be required: nor 1,200 temporary stables, 120 carriages, 600 bandsmen, 350 musicians, the Bach Choir and six thousand police. One hundred and twenty carriages will stay away, including the Glass Coach in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh went to their wedding 50 years ago. They were to have ridden in it again together, for the first time since, at the triumphant culmination of the evening.

Twelve thousand riders, drivers and grooms belonging to every horseback body from the Household Cavalry to the Pony Club are suddenly free on Saturday evening after all. The gypsy waggons and carthorses are cancelled, the huntsmen can stop polishing their horns. Desert Orchid can have a quiet night in. The Charge of the Heavy Brigade (120 horses, hand-picked for impressiveness and reasonable records of being willing to stop after a rousing gallop) will not send divots flying. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse will not, after all, be galloping into the arena wearing 15ft-high costumes and brandishing glittering scythes at cantering children disguised as Valkyries. Blast!

Major Michael Parker was the man behind this scheme: the biggest ever event of its kind, the most complex, the most challenging in its blend of theatrical and equestrian skills (apparently the two staffs refer to one another as "Fetlock Polishers" and "Luvvie Tendency"). It could only have been Major Parker, really: he is one of our unsung national jewels, a ceremonial showman with a ferocious eye for detail and an endearing tendency to dash real tears from his own eyes at moments he has himself cunningly designed specifically for their throat-lump potential.

After his triumphs at VE-Day, successive Royal Tournaments and British Legion pageants, not to mention his party in Hyde Park for 180,000 children which included a ten-mile-long sausage ("no, 9.98 miles," he always corrects you) he was the natural choice. Who else could bring together Horse Guards, Olympic champions and pony club district commissioners with such panache in such a vast, absurd, sentimental, *haut amateur* tribute to horses and the Queen's lifelong preoccupation with them?

Frankly, it would have knocked the Hong Kong handover into a cocked hat. It was going to take 224 times longer to build the site than to run the actual 90-minute pageant. It was going to generate a forecast four tonnes of horse manure, and a financial surplus from ticket sales to equine and military charities. It was sponsored by Asprey's, without a penny of lottery or public money, because dammit, the horsey set are pretty independent and don't go in for whingeing and handouts.

And now it isn't going to happen. Too much unseasonal wet, too much mud, too much danger. The same cool, practical military eye which set the whole thing up has studied the terrain, assessed the risk to spectators, staff and horses, and calmly but decisively pulled the plug with no chance of reprieve. The Palace has no doubt received the news with equally British phlegm. If corgis are on the receiving end of a sharper word than usual, or highly-polished military toecaps are swung, suddenly, against stable doors; if, up and down the horsey counties, tickets are rammed into refund envelopes with a "Psha!" of repressed fury at being deprived of such catharsis, we shall never know. If the smaller Pony Clubbers' lips begin to tremble at the loss of their big, big night, then they will be firmly quelled by masterful district commissioners. Can't be helped. These things happen. Especially with horses, children: they go lame on the eve of shows, they are stung by wasps in the dressage ring, they die suddenly of inexplicable disorders of the innards. All you can do is your best. Nothing is guaranteed.

What a dull, grey, unprepossessing rice-pudding of a moral that is! What a glum lesson to learn! Even Burns could not make it palatable, telling his sleekit fieldmouse that its best-laid plans would gang agley. Myself, I willingly paid opera prices to junket off to Windsor with a gang of eight adults and children, just to see an hour and a half of Major Parker's spirited, barmy, romantically sentimental interpretation of The Horse in History. I like nothing better than a thousand horses careering around with loud bangs, glittering armour, lights and smoke. I am as choked as any Wimbledon or Test supporter — more, because there can be no replay.

But perhaps the lesson, the sheer lip-stiffening practice, is worth it in this comfortable indoor age of virtual reality and lawsuits for emotional distress. We didn't get the Empire by making a fuss about a few inches of unseasonal rain, did we? No, the only thing to do is what I bet the major is doing: to come over all military, stiffen your back, sweep aside the months of wasted work and anticipation, knock back a stiff whisky and say: "Damn shame. Still . . ."

Still, what? Don't ask. Tradition decrees that you are never required to complete that thought. No platitudinous reasoning can ease the great disappointments of life. Just a damn shame. Ah well.

Hip, hip

TWO years after she had one hip replaced, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother wants her doctors to set to work on her other one. In November 1995, she had her hip done at the King Edward VII Hospital in London. One of the principal surgeons for that operation was William Muirhead-Allwood, now, after a sex-change operation, known as Sarah.

At the time of her first hip replacement, the Queen Mother's doctors were concerned that she might be too fragile for the procedure. They were clearly unfamiliar with HRH's constitution. So agile has she been with the one new hip, she thinks it is by no means too late to have the other one brought up to scratch.

Her medical advisers, however, are once again not so sure. At 97, they are concerned that the trauma of another operation might be too much. "She is very determined to have the operation," says my man behind the surgical screen. "And judging from the outcome of her last operation, she knows what's best for herself."

Dr Muirhead-Allwood is still working at the King Edward VII Hospital and since he became a she has performed on such notables as Cardinal Hume. "She remains at the top of her field," says my source of Sarah M-A, "and would undoubtedly perform on the Queen Mother if she persists in asking for the operation."

Muirhead-Allwood and the Queen Mother

Deaf ear

NO answer is forthcoming from the Prime Minister's team on why he chose not to use the interpreter when listening to President Jiang Zemin's speech in Chinese on retaking Hong Kong. On each side of him, there was the Prince of Wales, Chris Patten, the former Governor, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, all wearing earpieces listening to the English translation of the President's speech. But not Tony Blair.

Does he speak Mandarin perhaps? No, said his press team. Was it a snub then? No, said his press team. Was it perhaps vanity, that he did not want to be snapped with a wire trailing from his ear? No again. Which leaves the only possible answer, that another earpiece would have interfered with the one rumoured to be already inserted, which feeds straight back to his officials in No 10.

THE TIMES DIARY

Bracing news

IN their search for a successor to Mary Robinson, the Irish President, Ireland's main political parties have been looking north of the border to Mary McAleese, the Catholic Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast. Professor McAleese, who was born in the fiercely nationalist Ardoyne, is said to have been approached by Fine Gael, Fianna Fael and the Irish Labour Party about standing as a unity candidate for the post.

Like Robinson, McAleese, who wears braces on her teeth, trained as a lawyer and is not known for pulling her punches. She is a keen critic of the Roman Catholic Church on account of its lack of accountability and recently said that it was "mischievous, if not quite dangerous" to educate Protestant and Catholic children together.

● *False expectations are the main hazard at tonight's Tate Gallery centenary dinner, to be attended by Diana, Princess of Wales. Pudding consists of a huge cake. "It's enormous and covered in thousands of coloured lightbulbs," says Anne Beckwith-Smith, the organiser of the event. Just one thing. "Oh no. You can't eat it," she says. "It's just to look at."*

Hog boast

FOR the stressed-out Tory, Viscount Cranborne, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, has an alternative to transcendental meditation: pig-keeping. Like P.G. Wodehouse's Lord Emsworth, Cranborne finds nothing so peaceful as leaning his wellingtons against a fence and gazing into his sty. During the election, in which he served as John Major's chief of staff, colleagues said he could instantly dissolve a tense moment with his pig-talk.

"I have two Tamworth sows and a Large Black sow, called Black Beauty, which my wife gave me for Christmas," says Cranborne.

Sow proud: Lord Cranborne

"She's an excellent specimen and recently came third in the Bath and West Show." Even better, the sow appears to be doing its dynastic duty. "Black Beauty's been pregnant twice already," says Cranborne. "When I got her she gave birth to 13 little piglets." Life as a Cranborne pig, however, is not all mud and swill. "I eat my pigs all the time, they're very good," says their owner. "We're not as sentimental in the country as you townies."

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Has democracy a future?

Anatole Kaletsky on a brief encounter with liberty

Two weeks ago I was sitting in the Pantheon in Rome, after speaking at a conference on the future of global capitalism. As I stared up at Hadrian's gigantic structure — still Europe's largest self-supporting dome after nearly 2,000 years — I reflected on a conversation I had had the previous day with Antonio Fazio, the head of Italy's central bank.

Over the past two years Signor Fazio has astonished the financial world by reducing Italian inflation below the German level and has seen his institution nicknamed "the Bundesbank of the South". The process of wringing out inflation to qualify for European monetary union has had enormous costs. Unemployment has risen to levels not seen since the 1940s. The excitement about renewing Italian democracy which followed the collapse of the corrupt Christian Democrat oligarchy in the early 1990s has been replaced by disillusioned apathy as old, familiar faces return.

It seemed natural to wonder whether the recent sensational elections in Britain and France would produce similar disappointments for voters. Would the Labour Party restore public services, or help the jobless, if this meant threatening the priveleges of the upper middle class? Would the French Socialists attack poverty and unemployment if this required a challenge to the conventional wisdom on "European construction" of the administrative and diplomatic elite?

As I sat staring at the 2,000 years of history, it struck me that Emperor Hadrian would have perfectly understood our modern politicians, who build bureaucratic monuments and new European empires on the backs of the ordinary voters of Marseilles, Manchester or Milan. And the Classical Emperors would not have been the only Romans who would smirk at the shallowness of modern democracy. From the Colosseum to the Vatican and the bizarre Fascist stuctures of EUR, Rome is a monument to the oligarchic concentration of wealth and power.

And Rome is, of course, a microcosm of Western civilisation. Comparing the 2,000-year longevity of the Pantheon to the lifespan of a Disney movie or a Pentium computer, it is hard to resist the idea that equality and democracy may not be the natural human conditions Thomas Jefferson assumed. Which brings me to Hong Kong.

Six million people are moving from Western democracy to communist oligarchy. The lavish celebrations are attended by presidents, monarchs and statesmen. One can see why the Chinese are celebrating, but what about the British, Americans and, above all, the people of Hong Kong? There are plenty of cynical explanations: power politics, opportunism, hypocrisy, post-imperial guilt. But there are also objective indicators — for example the record prices of property — which suggest that Hong Kong's enthusiasm for the communist future may be sincere.

To people carried away by the millennial triumphalism of American-style capitalism, Hong Kong's perverse enthusiasm for the future has a decidedly upbeat explanation. Western-style democracy is the inevitable way of the future. The Hong Kongers know it is just a matter of time before democracy sweeps the whole of China in an onward march of freedom around the world.

But there, is a less euphoric explanation. Perhaps the people of Hong Kong do not give two hoots about democracy. They were, after all, ruled by a distant autocracy until the arrival of Chris Patten, and most have shown little interest in politics in the past few years.

Perhaps they value their ethnic identity above their individual freedom. Perhaps the people of Hong Kong simply take it for granted that they will be governed by oligarchs, and hope for nothing more than to get on with their private affairs. Perhaps, indeed, the same indifference to politics is sweeping over Europe: as national politics is swallowed by a distant bureaucracy in Brussels; as economic control is handed to unelected central bankers; as moral values are deemed to be outside the political realm; as elections themselves just revolve the door on indistinguishable technocratic coalitions.

The Western optimists believe that Hong Kong's period of communist autocracy will prove but a brief aberration before China itself is eventually swept up by the tide of democracy. But the Chinese and many other Asians have a very different sense of history. The can look back, like the Romans, over centuries in which democracy has never played a serious part. Zhou Enlai, the late Chinese Prime Minister, was asked on his first state visit to Paris what he thought of the principles of the French Revolution. "It is too early to say," he replied.

As the world prepares for the end of the millennium it is worth reflecting that democracy has prevailed for 50 of the past 2,000 years. Should we, then, conclude that its triumph is now inevitable around the world? It seems much too early to say.

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WELSH LABOUR

The vital difference between Blair and Davies

Devolution should be an exercise in letting go; for Labour in Wales it is currently a battle to get a grip. The principled arguments in favour of decentralising power to the Principality have been overshadowed by the attempts to impose a centrally dictated line on members of the Welsh Labour Party. The authority which should be conferred by the parliamentary dominance that Labour enjoys in Wales has been undermined by the heavy-handed manner in which that control has been exercised. The Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, may believe that his MPs should open their mouths only to hymn the party's praises; but they are elected representatives not a male voice choir. The danger for devolutionists is not that Labour may fail to deliver because some backbenchers have honest reservations; it is rather that the Welsh people may have deep doubts about voting for an assembly which could institutionalise the arrogance Mr Davies displays.

The Labour leadership's desire to maintain the discipline which routed the remnants of the Welsh Tory party at the election is understandable. Factionalism and personal jealousies have impeded the party's past effectiveness and it is still haunted by the memory of the 1979 devolution referendum. The then Prime Minister, Jim Callaghan, a Cardiff MP, and the Leader of the House, Valleys Member Michael Foot, had to endure a brilliant campaign of opposition, led by Neil Kinnock, which prompted 80 per cent of those voting to say no. Eighteen years of Conservative rule have, according to the opinion polls, reversed attitudes. Mr Davies, however, appears by his actions not to believe completely in the conversion of his countrymen to the devolutionary cause.

There are three aspects to the manner in which Mr Davies is advancing his case which are the mark of a fixer, not a crusader. First, the Welsh assembly will not enjoy the tax-raising powers intended for its Scottish sister. It is argued that a body whose aim is to bring a measure of democratic scrutiny to the Welsh Office does not itself need to raise revenue. Tony Blair, however, pointed out in the election that even the lowliest parish council can raise taxes. The failure to trust the Cardiff assemblymen with such powers suggests that, in the eyes of the Labour leadership, the Welsh people does not want devolution enough to pay for it.

Secondly, the referendum intended to establish the degree of support that devolution enjoys will take place weeks after a similar vote in Scotland. Officially, the delay is prompted by a recognition that Scottish devolution will dominate debate and Wales needs time to have its needs discussed in detail. Unofficially, the delay is intended to isolate Welsh opposition. It will be a lonelier battle for the "no" campaign if Scotland has already said yes. Labour will not so much ask the Welsh if they want an assembly in its own right as invite them not to forgo what their Celtic cousins have just acquired — a case of keeping up for the Joneses.

Thirdly, Mr Davies appears determined to fight for devolution not by advertising its merits but by demonising its opponents. His anxiety at the prospect of Labour MPs campaigning against an assembly is not motivated primarily by fear that their doubts will carry the day. His anger stems from the sabotage that their dissent does to his best argument, which is, bluntly put, vote "yes" because the Tories are against it.

If Labour MPs have principled objections to devolution then the referendum becomes a vote on the issues rather than a vote on the Tories, and that makes life much more difficult for Mr Davies. Given the lengths to which he has now gone, a defeat in the referendum would be a disaster for Mr Davies, but not Mr Blair, who has deprecated coercion and who has rightly stressed that devolution depends on proper consent.

END OF EMPIRE

Time to focus on the small responsibilities that remain

Emotion flowed freely in Hong Kong yesterday. For many it was a day of celebration and excitement, pride and patriotic fervour. But for the departing British it was also a moment of nostalgia and regret, sadness and a sense of loss. Not only was the Union Flag lowered for the last time on a colony that was the last substantial remnant of an Empire that once covered the globe; but in their speeches, ceremonies and parting gestures representatives of the Crown, the Government and the Armed Services recalled an almost forgotten sense of duty and responsibility, good government and dedication to the peoples over which Britain once held sway.

Yesterday did not mark the end of Empire; that came in 1947 when Britain granted independence to India. That was the crucial moment when it became clear that a nation exhausted by war could no longer maintain indefinitely its rule over distant possessions. A decade later the independence of Ghana marked a final hectic period of decolonisation as one by one the states of Africa proclaimed their independence. With the loss of Hong Kong, all that remains now are a few small islands, once staging posts on the shipping routes to the colonies, that are either too small or too remote to make their way alone in the world.

There were tears in Hong Kong yesterday. And it was not only Chris Patten who struggled to contain the conflicting emotions. Many Hong Kong Chinese looked back with gratitude on what Britain had done for them, on the good government, rule of law and impartial civil service that has provided a framework for the prosperity of this once barren island. Britons, too, can reflect with pride on what they and their ancestors have contributed not only to Hong Kong but to those dominions and colonies over which the Union Flag once flew. The years of post-colonial guilt and apology for imperialism have, at last, given way to a more balanced, historical assessment. Even the Chinese, recalling more than 150 years of "national humiliation", admitted this week that British rule was not all bad.

With the fall of communism, European empires have now all been swept away. Some fell in violence and chaos. Belgium and The Netherlands had a poor record and did least to prepare their possessions for independence. Others, such as Germany and Italy, had their colonies seized after defeat in war. France left some countries with good education and strong economy; but Algeria is still suffering from the viol-ence and trauma in which its independence was born. Partition in India, violence in Aden cost millions of lives and blemished Britain's record. But on the whole this country withdrew from its Empire better than most.

With the loss of Hong Kong, Britain, which once administered the biggest Empire the world has ever seen, now has responsibility for fewer than 180,000 people in the remaining dependent territories. France still has three times as many citizens in its overseas *départements*, and has long given them full integration with metropolitan France. For these remaining few, Britain retains political and moral responsibility. Sadly the record here is poor. Drug-taking and money-laundering in the Caribbean, arguments over sovereignty in the Falklands and Gibraltar and the most appalling neglect of St Helena, Britain's Atlantic Alcatraz, betray official irritation at being saddled with these pinpricks from a bygone age. There will be no more transfers of sovereignty. It is time now that the old ideals of Empire were properly applied to the small territories where Britain still holds sway.

FORTIFY THE CHANCELLOR

There is a symbol and soda in the oddest Budget traditions

Gordon Brown presents Labour's first Budget for 18 years tomorrow. The economics of it will influence the political weather all year. Because Budgets have losers as well as winners, it may bring the Government's honeymoon with its electorate down to earth with a bump. But although the Chancellor is a Roundhead in a hurry, he is still stuck with the quaint traditions of the Budget.

The Chancellor will still be expected to brandish Gladstone's battered old Budget box outside No 11. He will make his ministerial broadcast in the evening. And the press will show an inordinate interest in the contents of his glass of liquid on the dispatch box, which for the only time in the parliamentary year need not be water. The Chancellor should choose his tipple with care for the message it sends.

Harold Macmillan said that Budget day was "rather like a school speech day — a bit was "rather like a school speech day — a bit of a bore, but there it is". And in his only of a bore, but there it is". And in his only Budget, he went along with the drama of parliamentary speech day by fortifying his speech with his native Scottish drink that is stronger than Scotch mist. Disraeli protested that he knew nothing of finance. So as Chancellor he sipped white port to see him through his Budget speech, which must have given him a wicked hangover. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead took brandy and water as a concentrated version of fine claret.

The austere Stafford Cripps had nothing but water in his carafe, and his Budgets were appropriately dispiriting. The Chancellor who demanded gin as a transparent camouflage was put down by his Sir Humphrey asking, "Neat, Chancellor?". Nigel Lawson switched from whisky and soda to spritzer. This suited his new slimming diet, as well as being more compatible with keeping the brain working at high speed for long hours. And, as with so much Budget lore, Gladstone started the tradition with his five-hour Budget speeches. His nonconformist supporters might have preferred him to lubricate them with the milk of human kindness. But Gladstone had a grand old British taste for port.

Rhetoric can make the Budget speech tick. But liquor is quicker. The best audience too is intelligent, dressed up for speech day and post-prandial in spirit. Even the new House of Commons should still be able to pass at least one of these qualifications.

According to Enoch Powell, the ideal state for making a speech is to have a half-full bladder to focus the mind and stop the vocal chords from going on too long. But even if the Chancellor does not need anything but water for his big day, he should put a little colouring in it to honour the old tradition. Tomorrow is the one day in the the year when the attention of the entire nation is focused on the national economy — as well as what is oiling its steward's throat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Praise for Patten's Hong Kong role

From Sir Peter Heap

Sir, Hong Kong's Governor, Chris Patten, continues to be criticised by certain former Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials and others, particularly for the limited extension of democratic government under his administration. As a former FCO official with recent experience in Hong Kong I take a wholly different view.

Chris Patten has done an excellent job, deserving recognition in these last days of office. His critics, including former ambassadors to China, see Hong Kong from a Beijing perspective; they see it as a relatively small city in the vastness of China and as a possible irritant in the larger picture of Anglo-Chinese relations that must be soothed at almost any price.

Patten has been perceptive enough to see other important dimensions. Above all there was his duty to the people of Hong Kong. He could not, should not and, to his credit, did not, ignore their aspirations. When Martin Lee's Democratic Party swept the elections shortly before his arrival this sent a message that no British governor, in any colony at any time, should have ignored. Our colonial history gave him plenty of guidance on what happens when you try to put the lid on such pressures. Patten's consistently high popularity among the people of Hong Kong showed that they understood this.

Patten also understood that Hong Kong has a concentration of British interests, investments, trade, British citizens, not matched by the whole of China. He had to stand up for these interests, even if that sometimes appeared to rock the boat.

The modest extension of democracy in electing the Legislative Council was not the result of a rush of blood during Patten's first months. A well researched study for Chatham House earlier this year shows that it was something that Britain had been trying to do for some time previously.

That Hong Kong is being handed over in good order owes much to Chris Patten. This country, the people of Hong Kong, and the FCO should be grateful.

Yours etc,
PETER HEAP
(Senior Trade Commissioner,
Hong Kong, 1989-92),
6 Carlisle Mansions,
Carlisle Place, SW1.
June 28.

From Mr B. Chong

Sir, There is one bit of good news about the handover, sadly the only one. The seed of democracy, open government, media accessibility and public accountability has been sown.

Once people have a taste of freedom, they know what is good or bad. I write as one whose family fled China for Hong Kong to avoid communist persecution in the 1950s.

Yours faithfully,
B. CHONG,
102 Greenhill Road,
Winchester, Hampshire.
June 27.

'Lunchtime' abortion

From Ms Jane Bloomfield

Sir, We should not confuse the difficulty of taking the decision to terminate a pregnancy with the unpleasantness of the surgical procedure (report, "Lunchtime abortion on offer", later editions, June 28).

Any development which reduces the trauma caused by the operation should be welcomed, or do we want to further punish women for their mistakes?

Yours faithfully,
JANE BLOOMFIELD,
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June 30.

Final frontier

From Mrs Yve Menzies

Sir, It is wrong to say (Dr Graeme Archer's letter, June 27) that it is a criminal offence not to carry your passport as a foreigner in Italy. If, as it appears, Dr Archer is a resident his Italian driving licence will be accepted as identification; and, as an Italian resident, he would be entitled to an Italian identity card, although this could not be used out of Italy.

From Milan due west to the border with France is one of the most important drug centres in Italy. It is small wonder the police stop cars. Dr Archer describes them as heavy-handed and largely ineffectual, but the Carabinieri anti-drug squads have an enviable reputation throughout Europe in combating the proliferation of drugs.

In over fifteen years, in common with most foreigners, I have never been asked for my identity card, let alone my passport, except when flying back to the UK.

Yours faithfully,
YVE MENZIES,
Villa Galanta,
18030 Perinaldo (IM), Italy.
June 29.

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West must 'put own house in order'

From Dr Robin Russell-Jones

Sir, President Clinton's failure to deliver any targets for reducing carbon-dioxide emissions (report, June 24; letters June 25, 26) betrays a cynical disregard for the welfare of future generations. His position is indefensible, for the scientific case is overwhelming and his own Vice-President has written extensively on the need to combat global warming.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN RUSSELL-JONES,
Atholl House, Church Lane,
Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.
June 29.

From Mrs Uta Bellion

Sir, Your proposal (leading article, June 24) that rich nations should pay for cuts in poor countries' emissions is fundamentally flawed. It is still the industrialised countries which have the highest *per capita* emissions. The G8 nations alone, accounting for only 12.2 per cent of the world's population, contribute 47 per cent to global carbon-dioxide emissions (21 per cent alone from the US).

"Joint implementation", as your proposal is usually described, will allow these countries to avoid taking measures to achieve reductions in emissions at home, many of which would be beneficial economically, socially and environmentally.

Industrialised countries must put their own house in order first, investing in cost-effective energy efficiency, clean, renewable energy supplies like wind, wave and solar, along with other measures, of which there are many.

Investments like these not only dramatically cut CO_2 emissions: they will create tens of thousands of jobs in the UK alone. Leadership like this can set an example to the rest of the world and become the basis for substantive global CO_2 emission cuts at December's climate-change convention in Kyoto.

Yours truly,
UTA BELLION
(Policy Director),
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, N1.
June 27.

From Dr Georgina Green

Sir, The idea put forward by the governing body of Formula One (report, June 12) that motorists should offset their carbon emissions by paying for the planting of trees, thus removing the need to tackle carbon emissions, is nonsensical.

Global climate change from increased atmospheric carbon is the single biggest threat facing this planet. The increase comes from the use of fossil fuels, and it is that which has to be tackled.

Tree plantations effect a net removal of carbon only in their early years, when they are growing rapidly. In order that the carbon isn't rereleased into the atmosphere, the mature forest has to be left untouched for eternity. More and more new trees would always be needed and the area under forest would have to increase indefinitely.

Whilst an increase in forest cover (in the right circumstances) is highly desirable, tree-planting is not an alternative to reducing our emissions. Donating £10 to a tree-planting scheme cannot buy motorists a licence to pollute: measures to cut car use and encourage more sustainable modes of transport are essential.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGINA GREEN,
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, N1.

From Mr Adrian Hilton

Sir, The plea by Mr Dirk Jones (letter, June 25) to zero-rate those items which encourage saving (insulation, glass, solar heating, etc) is totally unrealistic, because the tax (unconstitutionally) is unrepealable. The Chancellor confirmed this when he was asked in a radio interview last October about Labour's plans for VAT on fuel and replied: "I'd like to remove it altogether, but it can't be done."

It was the Labour Government in 1977 which signed the sixth VAT directive to standardise the VAT base throughout Europe, and since Labour is committed to finalising the single market by 1998, both the VAT base and VAT rates will need to be harmonised. Britain can only be as "green" with VAT as Brussels allows.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN HILTON
(Parliamentary candidate
for Stratford-upon-Avon,
Referendum Party, 1997),
Priory House, Amersham Road,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.
June 25.

Green city traffic

From the Public Policy Manager of the AA

Sir, The aim of city-centre pedestrianisation should be to keep the car out and get the car occupants in ("Green cities drive out plague of cars", report, June 25).

But even in Freiburg, the city on the edge of the Black Forest featured in your report, the car still has an important role to play.

Reporting on a visit there two years ago, the House of Commons Environment Select Committee said:

> 80 per cent of the population around Freiburg uses the car to shop in the city … They (the city authorities) believe that car parking has to be provided for retail businesses to remain profitable.

Pedestrianisation does provide a good shopping environment. But as important is access by quality public transport linked to park-and-ride facilities that meet the modern consumer's expectations.

Cities like Freiburg have invested in alternatives to the car, and their citizens enjoy public transport services that we can only envy. If we are to achieve similar sustainable and acceptable transport policies in this country, we must end the chronic underfunding of all forms of transport.

Yours faithfully,
BERT MORRIS,
Public Policy Manager,
The Automobile Association,
Norfolk House, Priestley Road,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

BBC World Service

From Ms Amina Jilani

Sir, Mr Jeffrey Dudgeon (letter, June 23) may be right about "most foreign listeners" to the World Service not being interested in hearing about their own country, but here in Pakistan, and the same may be true for other Third World countries, the BBC World Service — especially the English service — is an important source of information about our own country.

While our press is relatively free, television and radio are totally state-controlled and thus often uninformative.

During our frequent national crises we rely totally on the BBC to tell us what is happening from hour to hour.

Yours etc,
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June 26.

From Mrs Jocelyn Hay, Chairman of Voice of the Listener and Viewer

Sir, In view of the important role the BBC World Service plays in disseminating impartial news throughout the world, one of our concerns is that it has become an integral part of the BBC's commercial arm. We fear that its priorities may have changed from maximising audience reach to maximising profits.

In order to mark our concern we, together with the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are holding a public meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, on July 17, at which the deputy managing director of the World Service will be speaking.

Yours faithfully,
JOCELYN HAY,
Chairman, Voice of
the Listener and Viewer,
101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent.
June 27.

From Professor Emeritus J. T. Coppock

Sir, Mr Dudgeon wants Radio 4 rebroadcast on the World Service. May I suggest, as a regular listener to *Newsdesk* and *Newsday*, that the reverse is more appropriate.

I listen with interest to the balanced presentation of real news and then perforce hear the progressively downmarket contributions of Radio 4. Of course, this is only following the trend in the press of highlighting any sexual or financial peccadillo, however trivial.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. COPPOCK,
57 Braid Avenue, Edinburgh.
June 24.

Worth the wait

From Mr Frederick Cosstick

Sir, I should like to congratulate Benedict Nightingale for one phrase in his review of *Waiting for Godot* at the Old Vic (June 30):

> … a cross-section of fallible humanity waiting in an infinitely insecure world for an infinitely improbable salvation.

It is so succinct but all-embracing that it virtually eliminates the need to go and see the play. As a teacher of French literature, I used to plough through acres of soggy commentary in the hope of finding such a treasure.

FRED COSSTICK,
3 High View Court,
Silverdale Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.
June 30.

Summer's chill

From Mr R. W. Butler

Sir, "The bullfrog breed" indeed (leading article, June 28). Last night I attended the Bradfield College Greek play in the open-air Greek theatre. By the time it finished at about 11pm I was wearing a mixture of cricket, skiing, shooting, fishing, boating and even commuting gear.

Henley is clearly going to be a challenge if this weather continues. By the way, the play was superb.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BUTLER,
Martens House,
Willow Lane,
Wargrave, Berkshire.
June 29.

Unemployment and crash of 1929

From Sir John Walley

Sir, The 1929 stock market crash must have had many disastrous consequences but Lord Rees-Mogg ("Nemesis on Wall Street", June 26) is wrong in thinking that the collapse of Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Government was one of them.

Rees-Mogg was then only a very small child. But I was there as an official of their charming Minister of Labour, Margaret Bondfield, preparing a Bill for the 40-hour week. It might indeed have been new Labour!

What brought that Government down was nothing to do with the City or the stock market: it was the need to reduce the rates of unemployment benefit by about 10 per cent to match a long fall in prices and wages since the rates had been fixed by the first MacDonald Government.

It was a very difficult issue for a Labour Government with strong trade union links and when Miss Bondfield brought it to Cabinet, months before the crash, her paper was ordered to be removed from the Cabinet records. But John Maynard Keynes, then chief economic adviser, and his colleagues had the same idea and it came back to them in the first report of the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance, which they themselves had appointed.

It was this report which led to the break-up of MacDonald's second Government, not any stock market crisis; and it was the endorsement of the drastic cuts of pay as well as unemployment insurance benefit by the National Government and their endorsement by the people at the 1931 election which set us on the road to recovery. But I cannot see any link with new Labour's prospects.

Yours truly,
JOHN WALLEY
(Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Pensions and
National Insurance, 1958-66),
Brookland House, 24 High Street,
Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.
June 26.

Omnibus time

From Mr Paul Twyman

Sir, Your leading article ("Omnibus time", June 26) paints such a rosy picture of bus operations in London that I can only assume that you do not use the buses in my part of the metropolis.

The contractual arrangements between London Buses Ltd and the individual operating companies — which, interestingly, ministers want to keep secret on spurious grounds of commercial confidentiality (*Hansard*, written answers, June 19) — are sadly deficient, particularly in relation to timekeeping and route supervision. Effective monitoring of performance is almost entirely lacking, customer complaints procedures seem designed to choke off complaints rather than provide useful management information.

The bus operators are forever blaming traffic congestion. This is obviously a problem — but this does not explain why buses start their journeys early, nor why so many cancellations occur due to engineering problems and lack of buses.

Waiting for a bus for 50 minutes at the end of my road — on an inner-city route — does not lead me to conclude that London bus regulation is a model for anything — just a way of cutting costs at the expense of the customer.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL TWYMAN
(Under-Secretary,
Department of Transport, 1985),
11 Finsen Road, SE5.
June 27.

Dormice or Labour?

From Mr G. F. Axe

Sir, The new Labour Government was elected to eliminate droughts ("Is it dormice, or is Labour to blame?", report, June 28). It has ended the drought of ineffectual Tory rule, the drought of British sporting success and the weather drought of early spring. What more could you want?

Yours etc,
G. F. AXE,
81 Upper Road, Kennington, Oxford.

Lions' victory

From Mr Oliver Stogdon

Sir, Does not the British Lions' victory (reports, June 30) in South Africa make a great case against the proposed devolution of Scotland and Wales?

Yours sincerely,
OLIVER STOGDON,
Lands Cottage, Swerford,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

Self-regulation

From Mr Peter Calver

Sir, I note from today's Appointments supplement that the DTI is seeking members for the Low Pay Commission.

Apparently commissioners will be unpaid. Well, that should concentrate the mind.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CALVER,
Star Cottage,
10 Wicken Road, Newport, Essex.
June 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

RIDEAU HALL, OTTAWA
June 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Toronto this morning and flew to Jack Garland Airport, North Bay.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited J.K.S. Boyles, a diamond drill manufacturer, at North Bay and were received by the President (Mr Robert Parsons).

Later The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained to luncheon by the Premier of Ontario (the Hon Michael Harris) at Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon left Toronto for Ottawa and were received at Macdonald Cartier International Airport, Ottawa, by the Governor General (the Rt Hon *Roméo Le Blanc*).

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, later presented a new Colour to the Governor General's Foot Guards at the Cricket Pitch, *Rideau Hall, and were received by* the Honorary Colonel (Colonel the Hon Conrad Black) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Hillier).

Her Majesty and His Royal *Highness subsequently attended* a reception in the Garden.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences, this evening attended a *dinner at Parliament Hill with the* organising committee of the 1998 Conference.

The Lord Kingsdown KG (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent) was present at Royal Air Force *Manston this morning upon the* Arrival of The Queen of Denmark and welcomed Her Majesty on behalf of The Queen.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 30: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the British Council Building, Hong Kong.

His Royal Highness afterwards presented Chevening Scholarships to students at the British Trade Commission.

The Prince of Wales later opened the Community English Language Laboratory at Taikoo Shing.

His Royal Highness this afternoon received the Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) on board *HMY Britannia*.

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended the British Farewell Ceremony at the East Tamar reclamation site.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Banquet given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (the Rt Hon Robin Cook MP) at the Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Prince of Wales later took part in the official Handover Ceremony at the Convention Centre.

Finally, His Royal Highness departed Hong Kong on board *HMY Britannia*.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 30: The Princess Royal, Patron, Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, *accompanied by* Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this morning visited Jersey Zoo, Trinity, and was received by the Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey (General Sir Michael Wilkes).

Her Royal Highness later opened the new airport buildings at Jersey Airport, St Peter.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present *this evening at a Reception to* celebrate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Hatchards at 187 Piccadilly, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
June 30: The Duke of Kent, Patron, *this evening attended a Charity* Race Evening on behalf of the Army Benevolent Fund at Windsor Racecourse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip Wroughton).

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Wimbledon Championships, London SW19.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the festival service of the Friends of St Paul's, St Paul's Cathedral, at 4.55.

The Princess Royal, as president, Missions to Seamen, will attend the annual service and luncheon and preside at the annual meeting at St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, EC4, at 11.30; as patron, British Executive Service Overseas, will attend a volunteers garden party at Marlborough House, at 3.45; and as president, Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend the grand summer charity ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.45.

Princess Margaret, as president, will attend a performance by the Royal Ballet, the Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet School at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden at 7.25 to mark the school's fifty years at Barons Court *and to mark the centenary year of* Dame Ninette de Valois.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Royal Agricultural Society of England Show, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, at 11.15.

The Duke of Kent will attend the Wimbledon Championships at 12.30; as president, Wellington College, will attend a reception at Apsley House, at 7.00; and as *president, will attend an Auto*mobile Association Committee dinner, at Brooks's, at 7.40.

Dinner

Guild of Freemen of the City of London
Sir Anthony Grant, Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London, presided at a dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane.

Lord Snowdon yesterday in the replanted gardens of Nymans House, his childhood home in Sussex

Lord Snowdon's family garden flourishes again

LORD Snowdon went back yesterday to his childhood home, Nymans, nearly ten years after the great storm of October 1987 laid waste one of the greatest gardens in the Sussex Weald, developed over the years by the Messel family. Three quarters of the trees at *Nymans were lost including some of the* country's rarest living species and some of its oldest, such as the great monkey puzzle tree in front of the house. Now the garden has fully recovered, using money from the £2 million raised in the National Trust's storm appeal. Some areas have *been restored and reinvigorated, the rose garden replanted,* and cuttings, taken from fallen trees, have been planted exactly where their predecessors stood, including a monkey puzzle tree.

Damaged trees near the summerhouse at Nymans after the storm of October 1987

Birthdays today

Diana, Princess of Wales, celebrates her 36th birthday today.

Mr Dan Aykroyd, actor, 45; Sir Alan Campbell, diplomat, 78; Miss Leslie Caron, actress, 66; Mr Wayne David, MEP, 40; Miss Olivia de Havilland, actress, 81; Mr Trevor Eve, actor, 46; Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, 72; Sir Colin Figures, civil servant, 72; Lord Gisborough, 70; Mr Hans Werner Henze, composer, 71; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hugo, former Gentleman Usher to The Queen, 98; Sir Peter Hunt, chairman and managing director, Land Securities, 64.

Viscount Leverhulme, KG, 82; Mr *Carl Lewis, athlete, 36; Sir* Kenneth Lewis, former MP, 81; the Marquess of Linlithgow, 51; Miss Jean Marsh, actress, 63; Professor Stephen Neidle, Academic Dean, Institute of Cancer Research, 51; General *Sir Thomas Pearson*, 83; Miss Joan Sadler, former Principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College, 70; Mr Garry Schofield, rugby league player, 32; Mr Peter Walwyn, racehorse trainer, 64; the Very Rev Alan Webster, former Dean of St Paul's, 79.

School news

Birkdale School, Sheffield
The Governors have appointed Mr Robert J. Court as Head Master of Birkdale School in September 1998 on the retirement of the Rev Michael D.A. Hepworth. Mr Court is at present Second Master of Westminster School.

Leeds Grammar School
Term ends on Friday, July 4, when the school will leave its present sites (Junior School, Senior School and Lawnswood playing fields) after 138 years of its 445 year history. Michaelmas term will open in the new buildings on the School's new 128-acre site at Alwoodley Gates, on the Harrogate Road out of Leeds, on Thursday, September 11. The Old Leodiensian Association's dinner will be held at Cragg Lane on Friday, October 3 and Open Morning will be on Saturday, October 4.

Greater London Lieutenancy

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple to be Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Sand (Amandine Dupin), novelist, Paris, 1804; Louis Bleriot, pioneer aviator, first to fly across the Channel *(1909)*, Cambrai, France, 1872; Isaac Babel, novelist, Odessa, 1894; Charles Laughton, actor, Scarborough, 1899; Sir Seretse Khama, 1st President of Botswana 1966-80, Serowe, Bechuanaland, 1921.

DEATHS: John Bradford, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1555; Allan Pinkerton, founder of the American detective agency, Chicago, 1884; Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist, Hartford, Connecticut, 1896; George Watts, painter, Compton, Surrey, 1904; Erik Satie, composer, Paris, 1924; Juan Peron, President of Argentina 1946-55 and 1973-74), Buenos Aires, 1974.

The Battle of the Boyne was fought, when the forces of King William III defeated those of King James II, 1690.

Registration of births, marriages and deaths became effective, 1837.

The dominion of Canada was established, 1867.

The Union of South Africa became a dominion, 1910.

The first Battle of the Somme began, 1916.

Society of Young Freemen

Mr Alderman and Sheriff Clive H. Martin has been appointed President of the Society of Young Freemen for the ensuing year. Mr Michael V. Cooper has been elected chairman and Miss Vicki Hill, vice-chairman.

Election

Royal Society of Health
Dr Bashir Qureshi has been elected Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Health.

Legal appointments

Judge George Bathurst Norman to succeed Judge Butler, QC, as a Senior Circuit Judge. He will sit in this capacity at Southwark Crown Court from July 8.

David Christopher John Paget, QC, to be a circuit judge assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Retirements

Judge Aglionby and Judge Howe retired yesterday from the South Eastern Circuit bench.

RN, RNVR and RNR, Hong Kong

A luncheon, attended by serving and retired Royal Navy, RNVR and RNR personnel who had previously served in Hong Kong, was held onboard *HMS President* yesterday. A toast was made to the future of the former colony and a telephone link-up took place after the luncheon.

Captain R. Garnons-Williams, *Captain R.W. Moland, Captain* T. Collins, Captain C. Gotto and Captain P. Dalrymple-Smith, former Captains in Command of *HMS Tamar*, were among those present.

On Sunday, personnel who had served in *HMS Tamar* and in Hong Kong waters met for divine service in the Royal Naval Chapel, Greenwich and attended a luncheon afterwards. In the evening, Vice-Admiral Sir James Eberle was the guest of honour at a Hong Kong dinner held onboard *HMS President*, by permission of the Commanding Officer. Lieutenant-Commander A.J. McPhail presided.

Funds generated by the events were donated to the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps.

Luncheons

Caledonian Club
The Caledonian Club held a luncheon yesterday at 9 Halkin Street *to mark the change of sovereignty* of Hong Kong. Mr A.G.B. Young, chairman, presided. The Pinstriped Highlanders entertained the guests with a selection of music composed by the Scots Guards *Pipers in Hong Kong in 1927*.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Bill Cowen, President of the Rotary Club of London, presented the Neville Shulman Rotary char*ity cup to Mr Tom Loftus at a* luncheon held yesterday a the Portman Hotel.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Timothy Knatchbull and Miss I. Norman
The engagement is announced between Timothy, twin son of Lord Brabourne and Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and Isabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs David *Norman*, of Burkham, Hampshire.

Mr J.S. Butler and Miss N.J. Kemp
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Butler, of Rubery, Worcestershire, and Newnham, Gloucestershire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Kemp, of Cowley House, Broadway, Worcestershire.

***Mr B.P.W. Durrant* and Miss J.D. Gross**
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tony Durrant, of London, and Jennifer, daughter of *Mr and Mrs Terry Gross, of* Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mr D.St.J. Elliott and Miss G.R. Burgess
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr *Ian Elliott* and *Mrs Elizabeth* Elliott, and Grizelda, younger daughter of Mr Peter Burgess and Mrs Nemone Burgess.

Mr A.J. Fletcher and Miss L.J. Hutchinson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr Anthony Fletcher and of Mrs Patricia Portway-Fletcher, of Winslow, Herefordshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Hutchinson, of Meonstoke, Hampshire.

Marriage

Mr R.M. Greenway *and Ms S.V. Cain*
The marriage took place in Weybridge, Surrey, on June 7, 1997, of Mr Richard Greenway, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.N. Greenway, of Fetcham, Surrey, to *Ms Susan Cain, daughter of Mr* and Mrs W.B. Cain, of Shepperton, Middlesex.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Michael Collier, Vicar, Hope and Castleton (Derby): to retire November 30.

The Rev Eric Hayden, Priest-in-charge, Tilshead, Orcheston and Chitterne (Salisbury): to retire July 1.

The Rev Frederick Kenny, Priest-in-charge, Ashingdon w South Fambridge, and Priest-in-charge, Stambridge (Chelmsford): to retire November 1.

Canon David Letcher, Team Vicar, *Dorchester Team Ministry (Salis*bury): to retire September 30.

The Rev Jen Lovering, Team Minister, Abingdon Peachcroft Christian Centre (Ecumenical) (Oxford): to retire December 31.

The Rev Neville Minshall, Rector, All Saints', Worthen; Holy Trinity, Hope; All Saints', Shelve; Holy Trinity, Middleton-in-Chirbury (Hereford): to retire July 31.

The Rev David Muston, Rector, Otham w Langley (Canterbury): to retire September 30.

The Rev Peter Naylor, Rector, Ecton, and Warden of Ecton House (Peterborough): to retire July 31.

The Rev John Pearce, Rector, St Anne, Limehouse, and Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London): to retire July 31 and be appointed *Prebendary Emeritus*.

The Rev John Repath, Rector of Bewcastle and Stapleton, and Rector of Kirklinton (Carlisle): to retire July 31 on health grounds.

The Rev Brian Rice, Social Responsibility Officer, diocese of Durham, w special responsibility for ministry to local government in the (former) County of Cleveland (Durham): to retire October 31.

Prebendary *Ian Robson, Vicar, St* Mary Abbots, Kensington High Street, and Area Dean of Kensington (London): to retire August 31.

The Rev Leslie Welsh, Incumbent, Wolsingham and Thornley (Durham): to retire November 5.

The Rev Peter Williams, Rector, Great Oakley w Wix and Wrabness (Chelmsford): to retire August 31.

Withdrawal of acceptance

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BAUS - On 15th June at The Portland Hospital, to Betsy and Steve, a daughter, *Meaghan Madeline*.

BERRY - On 20th June at The Portland Hospital, to Kurt Berry and Jacqueline Francis, a son, Evan, a brother for Benjamin.

BOETTCHER - On June 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Marianne and Thomas, a daughter, Carmen, a sister for Anne-Sophie.

BROWNE - On June 27th, to Elizabeth and Shaun a son, Hugo Dominick, a brother for Ophelia and Katya.

CONNAH - On 16th June at The Portland Hospital, to Linda and John, a beautiful daughter Georgina Elinor.

COWIE - On June 25th at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, to Michelle (née Harradence) and Martin, a *son Jarvis*.

DUFFEY - On June 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Helma and Neville, a son, James Frederick Alexander, a brother for Matthew.

DRAYCOTT - On June 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to *Meredith (née Hamilton)* and Miles, a daughter Margot Linnea, a sister for Austin Stratton.

DU MANOIR - On June 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Carla and Gerald, a son, Charles, a brother for Arianna.

DUNNE - On June 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Dave and Peggy, a son, Aedna Gallaghan, a brother for Mairéad and Ian.

ELLIOTT - on 27th June 1997 at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital to Helen and Richard a daughter Molly Beatrice.

FITZGIBBON - To Camilla and Francis, on 24th June 1997, a son, Sam.

KAUL - On June 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Aninda Mattoo and Ajay Kaul, a daughter, Shaarika, a sister for Sheen Kaul.

KELLER - On June 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Sara and Ed, a son Christopher Hout.

KIRKUP - On June 19th at The *Portland Hospital, to Paula* and Neil, a daughter Lauren.

MCLEAN - On June 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Brian and Ewa, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Adam.

MOGHIM - On June 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Nadia (Sanei) and Faramarz, a son, Sebastian.

PASK - On June 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Hullett) and Simon, a son, Thomas Andre, who will be much loved.

PULLEN - Frallich - on June 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Karli Pullen and Michael Frallich, a son Louis Benedict.

REID - On June 23rd, to Annabel (née Marsh) and *Nicholas*, a son, *Luke Oliver* Tobias.

BIRTHS

ROBERTSON - On June 26th to Elaine (née Douglas) and Alan, a son, Euan Alan.

ROXBURGH - On June 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen and Charles, a son, Tom, a brother for Jack.

SANTORO - On June 27th at the Portland Hospital, to Kim and Peter, a son, Tucker Holbrook, a brother for Brandon.

STUART - Amanda and Ian announce *the birth of their* baby girl Emily Kate on 22nd June 1997 at Weston-Super-Mare.

TRAY - On June 23rd at the Portland Hospital, to Maria (née Diaz Del Rio Azcarate) and Richard, a son, Victor Robert.

VENNEKENS - On June 25th at the Portland Hospital, Claudia (née Volk) and Herwig, a son Connor Leon, a brother for Cedric Louis.

WHEELER - On Thursday June 26th 1997, in Jersey, to Anne-Marie (née Stuart-King) and Andrew, a son, Alexander Charles John Stuart.

WILLIAMS - On June 16th at the Portland Hospital, to Karen *(née Gray)* and Sean, a son Harry Russell.

WISE - On May 15th, in Perth, Western Australia, to Antonia (née Sidley) and Tim, a daughter, Nina Elizabeth, a sister for Harrison.

YONGE - On 26th June to Andrew and Kate (née Jameson), a daughter, Philippa Mary, a sister for Jack.

DEATHS

ACKROYD - Guy Whipp. At home on 30th June aged 69. Cherished husband of Anne and much loved father of Peter, Tom, David and Alice. *Funeral at St Helens, South* Scarle, Newark-on-Trent on Friday 4th July at 1pm. Enquiries to; David Tingle 01636 892503 / 0850 874248

AUDLEY - Richard Michael Thomas 25th Baron peacefully on June 27th aged 83. Much loved husband of Pauline and beloved father of Patricia, Jennifer and Amanda. Funeral Service St Mary Magdalene at Cowden, Kent on Monday 7th July at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Andrew's Home, Stick Hill, Edenbridge, Kent.

BARKER - On 29th June at home, Nancy, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Hannington, at 3pm on Monday 7th July. Family flowers only, but donations if you wish, to The Hunt Servants Benevolent Fund, Paraloes Cottage, Bagendon, Cirencester, Glos.

DEATHS

BLETCHLY - Suddenly Francis Edward John. Son of the late John and Pen, brother of Arthur. Funeral Service at St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough on Thursday July 3rd at 11am. Flowers to K.Y. Green, 01296 82041.

BUCHANAN - Suddenly on 28th June 1997, John Hair Scouler, late of Skye, beloved husband of Marie. Loved and loving father of Andrew, Jane and Charles. A devoted grandfather to their children and loving brother of Elizabeth Markes. He was loved by Sarah Gough and her family and by his patients in the Lyminge/Hawkinge area. Funeral private. Memorial *Service later*. Donations in his memory for British Heart Foundation and all enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough. Tel: (01892) 655000.

BUTLER - Dr Jon Benjamin *Moffat (Ben)*, dearly loved husband of Josephine. Proud and much loved father of Alice, Mary and Judith, died suddenly on 28th June 1997, aged 58 years. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday 7th July 1997 at St *Peter's Church*, Newenden, Kent at 4.00 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to The Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund c/o C Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E Sx. TN19 7ET. Tel: 01435 882219.

CARR - Anthony Richard. On June 27th, peacefully in Devizes Community Hospital aged 83. Devoted husband of the late Gianetta and much loved father of Julian and step-father to *David, Joanna and Charlie*. Service of Thanksgiving at 11.00am on 23rd July at St Michael and All Angels Church, Urchfont. Donations if wished to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Winchcombe, 37 New Park Street, Devizes *SN10 1DT*.

COX - Dr. Murray Newell M.A., F.R.C. Psych., M. Inst. G.A. (Hon) - Much loved husband of Caroline and father of Robin, Jonathan and Philippa, and beloved Grandpa, died peacefully on Saturday 28th June, 1997. Private family funeral; a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in September. No flowers please. Donations to The Fair Glade Trust, Old School House, Church Lane, Witney, Oxon OX8 6LA.

DICKSON - Betty Musgrove, peacefully on June 28th aged 86. Beloved wife of Alistair, much loved mother of Rosemary and grandmother of Lucinda, Sam and William. Service at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 4th July at 3.00pm. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, to The Juniper Trust, c/o Mr M.W. Klasin, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford, Surrey.

FAIRBURNE - On June 28th Betty (née Davies) aged 89 years. Widow of Leslie, much loved mother of Binnie, grandmother of Garth, Gavin and Giles and great grandmother of Hamish. *Funeral Service* at Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch, on Friday July 4th at 1.30pm.

FARMILOE - Peacefully in hospital on 26th June, after a brave battle. Pamela Stephanie Curzon. Dearly beloved wife of Thomas, mother of David and Sally and grandmother of Jade. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire on Friday, 4th July 1997 at 12.30pm followed by cremation at Portchester Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Parkinson Disease Society c/o Thomas Pink & Son, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AN. Tel: 01489 892640.

FRANKLAND - Constance Marie Lesley on June 27th 1997 at Shire House, Lyme Regis. Dearly loved and loving mother of Mary and Ann and the late Tony, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Payhembury, Devon on Thursday 3rd July at 2.30pm. Family flowers. Enquiries to A J Wakely & Sons 01297 443835.

GLANUSK - The Lord Glanusk, David Russell Bailey, died unexpectedly in Mallorca on 28th June, only two days after his beloved wife, a great loss to all his family and their friends. Private *funeral in Mallorca*.

GURNEY - Sylvia, on June 27th 1997. Much loved mother of Selima, Kadir and Sagat, grandmother of Chingis and Taja, died peacefully at home.

HART - John Percy. Peacefully at home aged 78 after much illness borne with immense fortitude, beloved husband of Bettie, dear brother of Rosemary and loved father of Piers and Caroline. No flowers please, if wished donations to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher. All enquiries to F. W. Chitty & Company, 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge KT13 8PB. Tel: 01932 842220.

HAWKINS - Norman Arthur. Widower of Freda (née Nash). Much loved father of Wendy, Anne and Lindsey, grandfather of Angela, James, Frederick, Zoë and Lily. Died peacefully at Colchester District Hospital on 29th June 1997 aged 83. Funeral Service on Thursday 3rd July, 3pm at St Mary's Church, Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk. Flowers welcome. F/D: W.H. Shephard, 93 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH. Tel: 01206 572305.

HIRST - Wallace. On June 27, unexpectedly but peacefully at home in Whitchurch, aged 81. Formerly of Tadley for exactly 40 years. Loving and much loved husband of Muriel for 26½ years. Professor of Tribology and Head of Engineering Department, University of Reading. Long-time member of The Berkshire and The North Hampshire Organists' Associations. Funeral on Monday, 7th July at All Hallows Church, Whitchurch (Hants) at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to St. Mary's, Tufton, Repairs Fund. (The little Saxon church where Wallace's ashes will be interred.) Enquiries to Howe & Son, Funeral Directors, Bear Hill, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks RG20 5QA. Tel. 01635 298303

HOGAN - John, June 27th 1997 aged 75 years. Will be remembered with much love by Barbara, Paul and Nuala Mary and his family and friends. Requiem Mass at St Bernadette's Church, Mather Avenue, Liverpool on Thursday 3rd July at 12 noon, followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery at 1pm. *Flowers welcome, but if* desired, donations may be made in lieu for Mersey Kidney Research c/o The Pearson Collinson Funeral Service, 91 Allerton Road, L18 2DD. 0151 722 1514.

JAY - Elizabeth Catherine Petrina (née Denne) at Guildford on 12th June, 1997, aged 34, after six years of illness borne with great fortitude. Dear sweet Lizzie, who so loved life, is sadly missed by her family and friends. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Broadstairs, at midday on Friday 1st August.

LAMB - Hubert, Prof. Emeritus, on June 28th in Holt. Beloved husband of Moira. Service of Thanksgiving at Holt Methodist Church on Friday July 4th at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, Holt, Norfolk. Tel: (01263) 711992.

LEMON - Sheila. After a brave struggle against cancer, Sheila died peacefully at home in the early hours of Saturday June 28th. The funeral will be for relatives and close friends, but there will be a celebration of her life and work later in the year. Please send donations in her memory to the Macmillan Cancer Fund.

LOCKHART - W.H.A. (Alec) on Friday 27th June 1997 peacefully at home. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private, at his own request, but if desired donations in his memory may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, 16 The Ropewalk, Nottingham *NG1 5DT*.

LOCKETT - Isabel aged 65 years of Hazel Grove, Cheshire on 28th June 1997, of cancer bravely borne. Much loved wife of Terry, and mother of Richard and Andrew. *Service* at 1.00pm on Monday 7th July, at Stockport Crematorium. No flowers, donations in lieu to "Beechwood Cancer Care Centre" or St. Anne's Hospice. Enquiries and donations to: Brian Sharples and Son, 52 Stockport Road, *Marple, SK7 1AB. Tel: 0161-427-2079.*

MACADAM - Sir Peter died at home on 28th June aged 75. Much loved husband of Ann, dearly loved father of Susan, Josephine and Christine and grandfather of Amy, Louise, Rory, Toby, Joseph and Sam. Private family funeral. Thanksgiving Service at St. Joseph's Church, Hadleigh, Suffolk on Saturday 5th July at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations in memory to Diabetic Association c/o Funeral Directors, Kingsbury and Saunders, 61 George Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk. Tel: 01473 823117.

MACMAHON - Brian. Late of Watford, Hertfordshire and Tuamgraney, County Clare. Died peacefully at home on 27th June 1997 with his family around him, after a long illness. A courageous and generous man. Loved by family and friends. Family flowers only, donations if desired and funeral arrangements c/o M.K. Gloder 01923 247427.

McCORQUODALE - John died 27th June 1997, peacefully. Much loved husband of Jeannine and father of Diana, Charlotte and Angus. Family cremation 12 noon, Putney Vale, July 4th. *Memorial* service to be announced later. By Johns request no flowers, donations to the Macmillan Nurses, C/O Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B, Fulham Road, London SW10 9EL.

NATHAM - May Florence (née Slington) on 28th June 1997 peacefully in her sleep at home in Auckland, New Zealand. Very dearly loved wife of Dennis, beloved mother of Jeremy, Nicholas and Belinda, devoted grandmother to Rupert, Jolz, *Hugo and Barnaby*.

RANDOLPH - The Revd. Michael. Died at home in Smarden, Kent on 29th June, 1997, aged 72. Beloved husband of Jenefer, devoted father of Susanna, John, Nicholas and Felicity and grandfather of ten grandchildren. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Smarden, at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 8th July. Family flowers only. Any enquiries to Earl & Co. Tel: 01233 620522.

RAY - On June 27th Virginia Ellen (née Dolbey) of Manaccan, Helston, Cornwall, Mother of Susie and Nicky and grandmother of Polly and Lucy. Funeral private. *No flowers*.

RUSSELL-SMITH - Vernon. On June 26th at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst after a brief illness. Dearly loved brother of Jean. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Monday July 7th at 2.30pm. Flowers from family and close friends only. Donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o F.A. Holland & Son, Funeral Directors, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester PO19 1XJ.

RUXTON - Jean Annette on 20th June peacefully aged 88 at Moreton, Exmouth after a short illness borne with great fortitude and humour. Loved aunt, great aunt and friend. Funeral at Littleham Church on Friday, 4th July at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to Crews & Son, Tower St., Exmouth. 01395 225622.

SHELLEY - E. Mary (née *Glendinning*) on 21st June, peacefully in Montpellier. Beloved wife of Patrick and sister of Anne Allison. The funeral took place in Poujols on 24th June.

SPALDING - On 26th June *1997, Helen McFie, aged 67* years. Sadly missed by niece Helen and nephew George. Any enquiries to Frank Davey & Co, Hurstpierpoint Tel 01273 832179.

STIRLING - John Douglas Pye-Smith. Peacefully on June 26th 1997 aged 78. Beloved husband of Barbara, loving father of Elizabeth, Jackie, Wendy and Penny and dearly loved grandfather. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Gregory's *Church, Weare, Somerset* on Thursday July 10th at 11.30am. Enquiries to T. Wicks & Son, Funeral Directors. Tel: 01749 673377.

TAN - Kong Min. On 28th June in hospital after a short illness in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Joan and father of Christopher and Jonathan. He will be sadly missed by all his family and his many friends.

TAYLOR - Nigel George Harcourt, peacefully at home on 27th June 1997, beloved husband of Betty, father of Tim, Richard, Clare and James, dearly loved brother, Grandpa and "Uncle Bill". Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at 3pm on Thursday 10th July in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft, Canterbury Cathedral. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished to the Pilgrims Hospice, London Road, Canterbury CT2 8JA.

WILLCOX - Marion Penrose (née Varco) 24 June, peacefully at Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, aged 88. Dearly loved wife of Len and mother of Tim.

WESTON - Sarah on 28th June, peacefully in Hospital, aged 53 after a courageous seven year fight against cancer. Much loved wife of Tim for 32 years and devoted mother of Jonah, Anna and Cristina. Family funeral, no flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan fund c/o Andrew Holmes & Sons, 378 Richmond Road, TW1 2DX Telephone 0181 892 3277. Service of Thanksgiving for her life on Saturday 26th July 1997 at 11.30 am All Saints Church, Campbell Road, Twickenham.

WISE - James Edwin Harter M.C. on 28th June 1997 aged 82. Loving husband of Birgit (deceased) and beloved father of Stephen and Peter, brother to Mick and Norah and adored grandfather of Adam, Eliot, Serena and Virginia. Funeral Service on Tuesday 8th July 1997 at 11.00 am at Mortlake *Crematorium. Donations, if* desired, to Trinity Hospice, please. Enquiries c/o J.H. Kenyon (0171 937 0757).

YOUNGER OF LECKIE - On 25th June, peacefully, Edward George, 3rd Viscount Younger of Leckie, husband of the late Evelyn and the father of George, Sandy, Rosalind and Bobby. Much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation private at Falkirk. Family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving, Wednesday 9th July at 3.30pm in Gargunnock parish church, Stirlingshire. Enquiries to Archibald Billett 01877 382829.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FORRESTER - Antonia. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Antonia Forrester will be held at Gruline Church, Isle of Mull, on *Tuesday 15th July 1997 at* 2.30pm.

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MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM ODLING

Major-General William Odling, CB, OBE, MC, former Chief-of-Staff Far East Land Forces, died on June 22 aged 88. He was born on June 8, 1909.

Bill Odling won his Military Cross during the British invasion of Madagascar in May 1942. He commanded the Royal Artillery in the task force charged with wresting control of the island from the Vichy French in order to protect the Cape route and the Indian Ocean from the Japanese.

Starting out with only ten guns, he built up a total of 80, improvising crews to man those captured from the French. Then after his main observation post had been destroyed and its signallers had been killed, he personally reorganised the batteries, racing from one location to another by motorcycle and boat. The citation for the MC he was awarded for his leadership read: "The energy, efficiency, amazing mobility and disregard for his personal safety shown by Acting Lieutenant-Colonel Odling did more than anything else to make the limited and mixed artillery units work to the complete satisfaction of the infantry commanders."

But Odling had several close shaves. One night he was on his way to see the admiral on board the battleship *Ramillies* in the harbour at Diego Suarez in northern Madagascar when the battleship and a merchantman nearby were torpedoed in front of him by a Japanese two-man submarine in one of the most daring midget submarine exploits of the entire war. The tanker sank and *Ramillies* was severely damaged.

Odling, who had also won congratulations from Scotland Yard two years before by apprehending a German spy masquerading as a Naafi inspector, was selected after his return from Madagascar to join the planning team for D-Day. He crossed the Channel himself towards the end of June 1944, and was subsequently given command of an experimental anti-aircraft regiment equipped with 54 Oerlikon three-barrelled guns, each mounted on a three-ton truck. They successfully protected the crossing of the Nijmegen bridge, next to Arnhem, and spent some time near Antwerp shooting down V-1 "doodle-bugs" near their launch sites.

In March 1945 he was ordered to range his guns along the Rhine to help secure the Allied crossing against not only German aircraft but also their infantry, artillery, and floating mines. He distributed nearly 1,000 shovels and half-a-dozen grindstones, and marshalled every driver, clerk and cook, to help the gun crews hone the shovels razor-sharp before digging the guns and their trucks into the hard ground. By dawn only one gun, positioned on rock, was above ground. That gun, together with its crew, was the only one lost in the ensuing action — in which six decorations for gallantry were won by Odling's men.

William Odling, who was himself mentioned in dispatches, was born at St Peter Port, Guernsey, where his father, an army officer, was serving at the time. But the family's roots were in Lincolnshire, where the Odlings were thought to have come over with the Vikings.

But in the more recent past there was no strong martial presence in his background. Both of Bill Odling's grandfathers were Oxford dons, and a great-grandfather on his mother's side was the 19th-century composer Sterndale Bennett — friend and protégé of Mendelssohn and Schumann. His own father had been an Oxford undergraduate lured into the Army by the promise of a commission in the Boer War.

It was generally assumed, however, that Bill Odling would become a soldier. Accordingly, he passed from Wellington College, where he was unhappy, to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, before being commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1929.

He spent most of the 1930s with the Royal Horse Artillery in India, which he loved. He played polo,

raced in steeplechases, won prizes for pig-sticking, and rode around the jungle on an elephant. He was mortified on his return in 1938 to find himself posted to Stockport, then to Rhyl.

After the war he steadily climbed towards the top. In 1948 he was posted to Egypt, in the headquarters of Middle East Land Forces, from where he took full advantage of the chance to travel. This was followed by nearly two years in Hong Kong.

While in the War Office in London in the early 1950s, he was dispatched briefly to Algiers to help organise relief for British soldiers and their families, rescued from the troop ship *Windrush* after she caught fire in the Mediterranean.

While serving as a brigadier on the staff of Eastern Command in Hounslow between 1959 and 1961, he "flabbergasted" the Women's Royal Army Corps by discharging some two dozen lesbians — an afternoon's work which would provoke even greater reverberations today.

Promoted to major-general, Odling left for Singapore in 1961 to take charge of administration within Far East Land Forces for a year, before taking over as Chief of Staff. Confrontation with Indonesia in Borneo began while he was there.

After leaving the Army in 1964, Odling devoted the rest of his life to voluntary work. He also chaired two committees for the Ministry of Defence, producing two "Odling Reports" which helped to draw demarcation lines between the responsibilities of several regiments and corps.

He worked for, among other organisations, the Royal Association for the Deaf and Dumb, his parish church and the Chelmsford diocese, Essex conservation groups and his local Conservative association. Still more conspicuously, he helped to establish the English Speaking Union's Eastern Counties organisation and launched its very successful speaking competition for schools. He became a Deputy Lieutenant for Essex in 1975.

Odling had a strong, outgoing personality and abundant energy. He tended to tell people (including his superiors) what he thought — and not necessarily what they wanted to hear. He had a great sense of fun, liked practical jokes and quickly became the focal point of any party.

He was an accomplished sailor who frequently crossed the North Sea in his 27ft boat, and once even sailed to Finland. A purist, he kept strictly to sail and only reluctantly ever used the engine. He had served as commodore of the Atalanta (Yacht) Owners Association. Another hobby was bricklaying, a skill he had learnt on his resettlement course before leaving the Army. He personally rebuilt the Home Barn beside his 600-year-old house near Colchester, which had been damaged by a V-1 during the war.

He met his wife Margaret while in hospital in India with a poisoned finger. The man in the bed next to him had become engaged to her sister, who subsequently effected introductions. They married in 1939, and she survives him, as do two daughters and a son.

VISCOUNT YOUNGER OF LECKIE

Edward George Younger, 3rd Viscount Younger of Leckie, died on June 25 aged 90. He was born on November 21, 1906.

EDWARD YOUNGER was born into what is sometimes called the Scottish beerocracy — those families who made their original fortunes in brewing and played a leading role in public life, either as politicians or benefactors. But the political gene missed him and he sat in the House of Lords, which he attended regularly, as a crossbencher.

Although he might not have called himself a Tory, he did exemplify the party's older "One Nation" values. He was a Keynesian with little time for the doctrines of the radical Right and thought that the privileges of social leadership were accompanied by responsibilities that could not be discarded even when they were burdensome.

During the war he proved himself a brilliant staff officer. After it, he gave up his boardroom career in brewing on a matter of principle and thereafter lived out of the limelight, but remained energetic in his forestry, his public duties as Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk and his diverse charitable interests.

"Teddy" Younger's grandfather, the 1st Viscount whose name lives on in the label of the beer first brewed in Alloa in the 18th century, was an MP and active politician. His father, the 2nd Viscount, thought politics an undignified distraction from shooting.

Something of the father's contempt for politicians rubbed off on the son, although at New College, Oxford, where he went after Winchester, he became keenly interested in economics, absorbing Keynesian principles from such tutors as Harold Salveson.

The war found him at the height of his powers, and he showed an unusual gift for staff work: not many TA officers rose to the rank of full colonel. Even in adversity, at the beginning of the war, he demonstrated presence of mind and resourcefulness.

His regiment, the 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was cut off by Panzers west of Dieppe. As a staff captain he happened to be on a motorcycle taking a message to brigade headquarters. He was able to escape from Le Havre with the Ark Force and helped to organise the recovery of some arms. The first his family knew of his safe return was when he phoned home from Gailes Camp, Troon.

He was appointed OBE (mil) in 1940 and thereafter served under Major-General Douglas Wimberley and then General Sir Alan Cunningham in Northern Ireland. He showed all the virtues required of a staff officer — industry, mastery of detail, personal charm, straight dealing and reliability. His experiences in Northern Ireland left him with a pessimistic view of attempts to secure peace.

In 1946 he inherited the title and the family estates at Leckie near Stirling. For a time he concentrated on dairy farming, before switching to beef and arable and, later, to forestry. At the same time he was absorbed in the Byzantine politics of the then highly fragmented Scottish brewing industry, undergoing rapid and painful structural change.

It was the age of the big battalions: a string of local breweries, including his own George Younger of Alloa and other honoured old names like Murrays, Aitkens and Fowlers, came together in a federation that was transmuted, under the reorganising influence of Caledonian and then Tenent Caledonian, into straight amalgamation.

In 1962 the new directors decided that the Alloa brewery should close. Younger felt this was a betrayal of promises to the local workforce. He considered his position carefully. His son George, later Margaret Thatcher's Defence Secretary and subsequently the life peer Lord Younger of Prestwick, advised him against resignation. But resign he did, quietly and without fuss.

He devoted the rest of his life to his family, his public duties as Lord-Lieutenant and to membership of the House of Lords.

He was particularly upset in 1972 when, in an epilogue to the student unrest which had shaken Europe, demonstrations took place during a visit by the Queen to Stirling University. Students shouted slogans and banged on windows; he thought their conduct not only deplorable but unforgiveably rude and, as the Queen's host for the day, held himself in some way accountable.

He now devoted his talents to the charitable sector. He was a trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and chairman of the Scottish Multiple Sclerosis Society. He was also active in the charity Crossroads, which cares for the chronically ill.

Although himself not enamoured of politics, he watched with great interest the careers first of his brother Kenneth Younger, who served as Minister of State under Ernest Bevin at the Foreign Office in 1950-51, and then of his son George, who was to become, first, Scottish Secretary and then Defence Secretary.

His wife Evelyn McClure died in 1983. He is survived by Lord Younger of Prestwick, his heir who now succeeds to the viscountcy, and by two other sons and a daughter.

VITTORIO MUSSOLINI

Vittorio Mussolini, son of the Italian Fascist leader, died in Rome on June 12 aged 81. He was born in Milan in 1916.

THE career of Vittorio Mussolini was of a piece with that moral myopia to which Italians are prone when it comes to contemplating their role in the events leading up to and including the Second World War. He had bombed Ethiopian tribesmen with relish. He flew for Franco in the Spanish Civil War. He was an unashamed apologist for Nazism and after 1943 spent most of the rest of the war comfortably in Germany. Latterly he had spent much of his time trying to restore his father's reputation in a stream of books and articles.

In Italian eyes these unpalatable facts are somehow redeemed because of his contribution to the cinema, through his scriptwriting and directing activities, and his editorship of the magazine *Cinema*. He had, too, voiced his opposition to the race laws passed by his father — though in his position that was not, presumably, a very hazardous thing to have done. Certainly his claim that Mussolini never knew about Hitler's programme of genocide against the Jews must be dismissed as ludicrous.

Vittorio Mussolini was Benito Mussolini's eldest son. He was reputedly the intellectual of the family, and his privileged position as the Duce's son enabled him to indulge a passion for films which gripped him from an early age. As a teenager he organised daily showings of the latest offerings from the cinema at the Mussolini family home, the Villa Torlonia in Rome.

As a young man he took a commission in the Italian Air Force and served as a bomber pilot during Italy's campaign to subjugate Abyssinia in 1935. In his memoirs he describes his glee at observing the devastating effect of the anti-personnel bombs he dropped on groups of tribesmen. The 1938 film *Luciano Serra, Pilota*, which he co-scripted with Goffredo Alessandrini and Roberto Rossellini, was a homage to the "bravery" of Italian pilots in that one-sided conflict. Vittorio also founded a production company and backed documentaries by Rossellini as well as Vittorio de Sica's first film *Rose Scarlatte* (1939).

But he retained his air force commission, flying missions on the Nationalist side against the Republicans in Spain during the Civil War. He also, as befitted the playboy son of Italy's dictator, took part in a prewar run of the famous Mille Miglia (thousand mile) car race, which was run on the country's roads. But his chief claim to fame in this period is his editing of the magazine *Cinema*, in which to his credit, he gave space to a wide range of political and cultural opinion.

During the Second World War he continued with these activities, but after the fall of the Mussolini regime and the arrest of his father in the wake of the Allied invasion of Sicily in 1943, he was invited to Germany by Hitler. From Rastenburg, the Führer's East Prussian headquarters, he set up a propaganda station which broadcast to the Italian people, exhorting them to continue to resist the Allies.

When Otto von Skorzeny's Waffen SS troops daringly rescued Mussolini from his mountain-top prison and spirited him to Germany, Vittorio was waiting at Rastenburg to welcome his father. He returned with him to Italy late in 1944 to help him to establish the last-ditch puppet republic of Salò on the shores of Lake Garda.

At the end of the war he was lucky not to be captured like his father; as the Allies advanced towards the Alpine passes he escaped on one of the last convoys of cars to elude pursuit. On April 26, 1945, the Duce was captured with his mistress, Clara Petacci, by Italian partisans at Lake Como. The pair were unceremoniously executed two days later and their bodies taken to Milan where they were hung upside down on meat hooks in one of the city's squares.

In 1947 Vittorio thought it politic to leave Italy for South America. He went first to Uruguay before settling in Argentina where he became South American correspondent for the newspaper *Il Secolo d'Italia* and subsequently ran several restaurants. But in 1959 he felt it safe to return to Italy. He had kept in contact with the leaders of its neo-Fascist Movimento Sociale d'Italia and, settling in northern Italy, devoted himself to trying to rehabilitate his father, through a number of books, notably, the disingenuous memoir *Vita col Padre* ("Life with Father"), which appeared in 1957.

Vittorio Mussolini is survived by his second wife Monica, and by four children of his first marriage.

Benito Mussolini in 1935, with his sons Vittorio, right, and Bruno

ON THIS DAY

July 1, 1967

This leader by the then Editor William Rees-Mogg caused considerable comment: there were days when the majority of letters were devoted to it. The Court of Appeal quashed Jagger's sentence.

WHO BREAKS A BUTTERFLY ON A WHEEL?

MR. JAGGER has been sentenced to imprisonment for three months. He is appealing against conviction and sentence, and has been granted bail until the hearing of the appeal later in the year. In the meantime, the sentence of imprisonment is bound to be widely discussed by the public. And the circumstances are sufficiently unusual to warrant such discussion in the public interest.

MR. JAGGER was charged with being in possession of four tablets containing amphetamine sulphate and methyl amphetamine hydrochloride: these tablets had been bought, perfectly legally, in Italy, and brought back to this country. They are not a highly dangerous drug, or in proper dosage a dangerous drug at all . . .

In Britain, it is an offence to possess these drugs without a doctor's prescription. MR. JAGGER's doctor says that he knew and had authorised their use, but he did not give a prescription for them as indeed they had already been purchased. His evidence was not challenged. This was therefore an offence of a technical character, which, before this case drew the point to public attention, any honest man might have been liable to commit . . .

JUDGE BLOCK directed the jury that the approval of a doctor was not a defence in law to the charge of possessing drugs without a prescription and the jury convicted. MR. JAGGER was not charged with complicity in any other drug offence that occurred in the same house . . .

We have, therefore, a conviction against MR. JAGGER purely on the ground that he possessed four Italian pep pills, quite legally imported without a prescription. Four is not a large number. This is not the quantity which a pusher of drugs would have on him, nor even the quantity one would expect in an addict. In any case, MR. JAGGER's career is obviously one that does involve great personal strain and exhaustion; his doctor says that he approved the occasional use of these drugs, and it seems likely that similar drugs would have been prescribed if there was a need for them.

One has to ask, therefore, how it is that this technical offence, divorced as it must be from other people's offences, was thought to deserve the penalty of imprisonment.

The normal penalty is probation, and the purpose of probation is to encourage the offender to develop his career and to avoid the drug risks in the future. It is surprising therefore that JUDGE BLOCK should have decided to sentence MR. JAGGER to imprisonment and particularly surprising as MR. JAGGER's is about as mild a drug case as can ever have been brought before the Courts.

It would be wrong to speculate on the JUDGE's reasons which we do not know. It is however, possible to consider the public reaction. There are many people who take a primitive view of the matter, what one might call a pre-legal view of the matter. They consider that MR. JAGGER has "got what was coming to him". They resent the anarchic quality of the Rolling Stones' performances, dislike their songs, dislike their influence on teenagers and broadly suspect them of decadence, a word used by Miss Monica Furlong in the *Daily Mail*.

As a sociological concern this may be reasonable enough, and at an emotional level it is very understandable, but it has nothing at all to do with the case. One has to ask a different question: has MR. JAGGER received the same treatment as he would have received if he had not been a famous figure, with all the criticism and resentment his celebrity has aroused?

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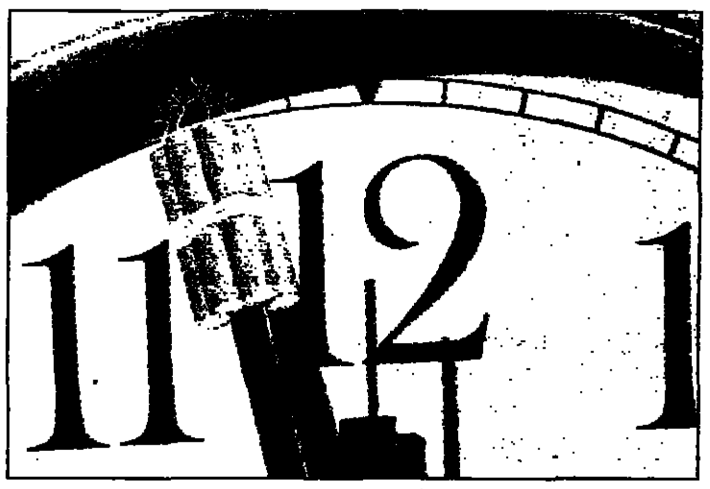

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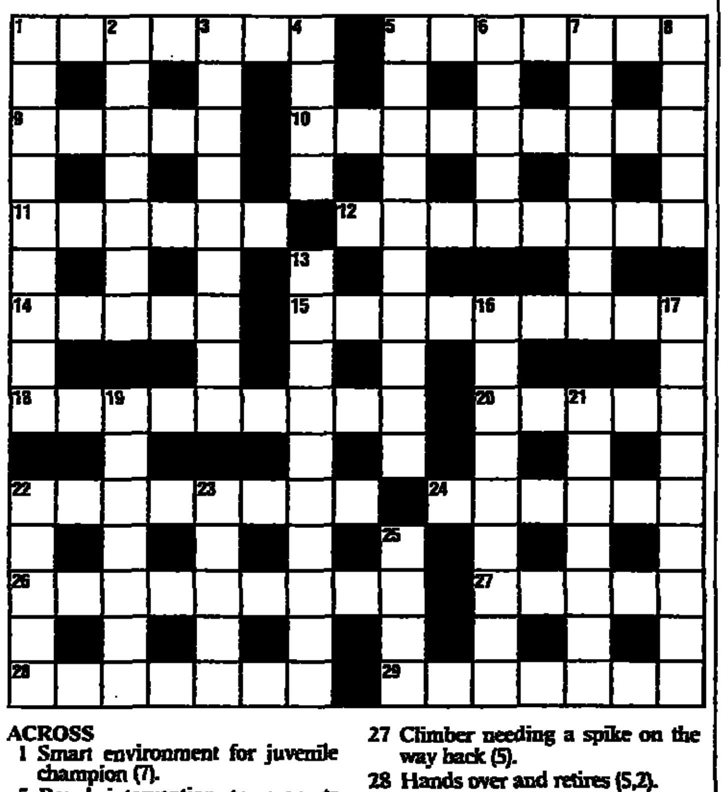

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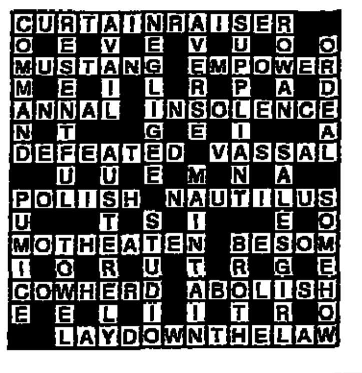

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Moon sets 5.53 pm
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London 9.21 pm to 4 48 am
Bristol 9 30 pm to 4.58 am
Edinburgh 10 01 pm to 4 32 am
Manchester 9 41 pm to 4.45 am
Penzance 9 35 pm to 5.17 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** cloudy and mostly wet in Scotland and northern England, with strong winds in northern Scotland. After a few bright spells, Northern Ireland, Wales and southwest England will be cloudy with rain and drizzle. The Midlands and southern and eastern England will have a lot of cloud and a scattering of sharp showers. Tonight, there will be rain over Scotland, northern England, the Midlands, Wales and the West Country.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:** mainly cloudy with scattered showers. Wind light, southwesterly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **E England, NW England, Central N England:** cloudy with rain at first, chance of brighter spells later. Wind light to moderate, west to northwest. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** some early bright spells, increasing cloud with drizzle later. Wind fresh, locally strong, northwest. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland:** mostly cloudy with rain. Wind moderate, northwest. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, wet and windy with a strong to locally gale force northerly wind. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland:** possibly a dry start, becoming wet and windy. Wind strong, northerly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy with heavy rain in north, elsewhere showers and brief sunny spells.

☐ **Pollen:** low in all areas except South Wales, South Midlands, SW England, SE England and Central South England, where it will be moderate (forecast supplied by the Pollen Research Unit).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs.	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.3	-	13	55	du
Anglesey	5.3	0.01	14	57	c
Aviemore	3.9	0.08	12	54	r
Belfast	4.5	0.01	15	59	c
Birmingham	0.1	0.01	14	57	c
Bognor R	-	0.39	16	61	sh
Bournem'th	-	0.17	16	61	c
Bristol	-	0.01	16	61	sh
Buxton	0.3	0.06	11	52	r
Cardiff	3.5	-	16	61	b
Clacton	2.7	-	14	57	b
Cleethorpes	-	0.94	11	52	r
Colwyn Bay	0.7	-	14	57	c
Cromer	-	0.76	12	54	r
Dunbar	5.0	-	13	55	du
Eastbourne	0.1	0.21	15	59	c
Edinburgh	4.3	0.01	16	61	r
Exmouth	4.5	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	3.2	0.04	17	63	c
Fishguard	4.3	-	13	55	c
Folkestone	-	0.35	15	59	c
Glasgow	3.9	-	18	64	c
Hastings	-	0.26	15	59	c
Hayling I.	-	0.19	16	61	r
Hove	-	-	16	61	du
Hunstanton	-	0.60	12	54	r
Isle of Man	7.9	-	15	59	b
Jersey	0.1	0.15	17	63	c
Kinloss	4.2	0.04	14	57	r
Leeds	-	0.07	13	55	r
Lerwick	7.7	-	12	54	s
Littlehmptn	-	0.37	16	61	d
London	0.1	0.01	15	59	c
Lowestoft	-	0.93	13	55	r
Manchester	1.1	0.01	15	59	r
Margate	-	0.11	14	57	du
Minehead	2.1	-	16	61	b
Morecambe	-	-	16	61	du
Newcastle	-	0.09	11	52	r
Newquay	4.7	0.01	16	61	c
Norwich	-	0.73	13	55	r
Penzance	X	-	17	63	c
Poole	0.1	0.14	17	63	sh
Prestatyn	X	0.04	14	57	sh
Ross-o-wye	0.6	-	18	64	c
Salcombe	3.6	-	19	66	c
Shanklin	0.8	0.33	16	61	r
Skegness	-	0.75	12	54	r
Southend	0.1	0.02	17	63	b
Southport	1.1	0.02	14	57	c
Stornoway	0.2	0.01	12	54	d
Swanage	-	0.13	16	61	sh
Teignmouth	4.3	-	19	66	s
Tenby	3.2	-	15	59	b
Tiree	4.4	0.01	14	57	sh
Torquay	4.3	-	19	66	s
Tynemouth	-	0.07	11	52	r
Ventnor	1.1	0.38	16	61	sh
West-s-mare	1.0	0.01	17	63	b
Weymouth	0.2	0.07	17	63	b

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s
Akrotiri	28	82	f
Alex'dria	28	82	s
Algiers	26	79	s
Amst'dm	21	70	f
Athens	33	91	s
B Aires	14	57	s
Bahrain	37	99	s
Bangkok	32	90	f
Barbados	30	86	s
Barcelona	22	72	f
Beirut	28	82	f
Belgrade	34	93	s
Berlin	29	84	s
Bermuda	26	79	s
Biarritz	15	59	c
Borde'x	15	59	f
Brussels	16	61	r
Budapst	33	91	s
Cairo	35	95	s
Cape Tn	X		
Ch'church	8	46	X
Chicago	30	86	s
Cologne	22	72	c
Corfu	33	91	s
C'phagn	20	68	f
Dublin	15	59	c
Dubrovnik	31	88	s
Faro	18	64	f
Florence	26	79	s
Frankfurt	25	77	f
Funchal	20	68	c
Geneva	16	61	r
Gibraltar	22	72	f
Helsinki	21	70	f
Hong K	30	86	f
Innsbrck	28	82	f
Istanbul	27	81	s
Jeddah	37	99	s
Jo'burg	18	64	s
Karachi	X		
L Angels	21	70	s
L Palmas	23	73	c
Le Tquet	16	61	f
Lisbon	20	68	f
Locarno	15	59	r
Luxembg	17	63	r
Luxor	39	102	s
Madrid	18	64	f
Majorca	24	75	s
Malaga	23	73	f
Malta	29	84	s
Melb'rne	13	55	c
Mexico C	22	72	f
Miami	31	88	s
Milan	18	54	r
Montreal	29	84	s
Moscow	23	73	s
Munich	25	77	f
N Delhi	33	91	s
N York	32	90	s
Nairobi	21	70	c
Naples	28	82	s
Nice	22	72	s
Oslo	20	68	f
Paris	16	61	c
Peking	33	91	f
Perth	17	63	s
Prague	31	88	s
Reykjavik	9	48	f
Rhodes	29	84	s
Rio de J	24	75	f
Riyadh	42	108	s
Rome	27	81	s
S Fr'isco	18	64	s
S Paulo	17	63	c
Salzburg	31	88	s
Santiago	11	52	s
Seoul	32	90	s
Sing'por	32	90	f
St'kholm	22	72	f
Strasb'rg	21	70	c
Sydney	14	57	c
Tangier	21	70	c
Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Tenerife	24	75	c
Tokyo	29	84	s
Toronto	29	84	s
Tunis	28	82	f
Valencia	25	77	f
Vanc'ver	19	66	f
Venice	29	84	s
Vienna	30	86	s
Warsaw	33	91	s
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Zurich	18	64	r

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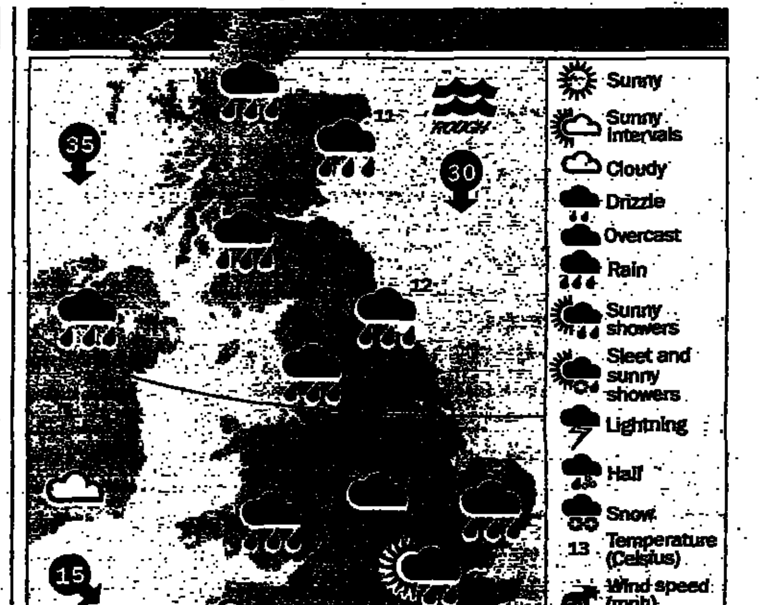

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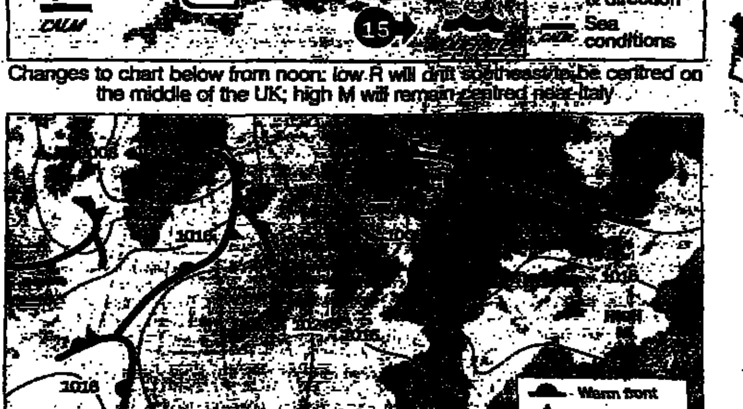

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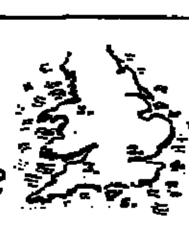
London Bridge	11.58	6.7	-	-
Aberdeen	11.34	3.8	-	-
Avonmouth	04.53	11.5	17.24	11.6
Belfast	09.09	3.2	21.36	3.3
Cardiff	04.38	10.7	17.10	10.7
Devonport	03.24	4.9	16.02	5.0
Dover	09.07	5.9	21.30	6.1
Dublin (N Wall)	08.42	3.9	22.23	3.9
Falmouth	02.55	4.7	15.33	4.8
Greenock	10.30	3.1	22.53	3.1
Harwich	09.45	3.7	22.09	3.6
Holyhead	08.23	5.0	21.03	5.0
Hull (Albert D)	04.18	7.8	16.33	8.0
Ilfracombe	03.45	8.0	16.17	8.0
King's Lynn	04.25	5.6	16.30	5.8
Leith	00.21	5.0	12.47	5.0
Liverpool	09.12	8.4	21.48	8.5
Lowestoft	07.45	2.3	19.46	2.3
Margate	10.04	4.3	22.18	4.3
Milford Haven	04.01	6.8	16.36	6.7
Newquay	02.58	6.0	15.33	6.1
Oban	04.09	3.3	16.37	3.2
Penzance	02.26	4.8	15.02	4.9
Portland	04.09	1.5	16.46	1.7
Portsmouth	09.30	4.1	21.56	4.3
Shoreham	09.12	5.3	21.40	5.5
Southampton	08.47	4.1	21.18	4.3
Swansea	04.03	8.2	16.38	8.2
Tees	01.20	4.8	13.48	4.9
Walton-on-N	09.43	3.8	22.04	3.9

All times BST Heights in metres.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, [illegible] (48F); highest rainfall: Coltishall, Norfolk, 1.06in; highest sunshine: Ronaldsway, Isle of Man, [illegible]



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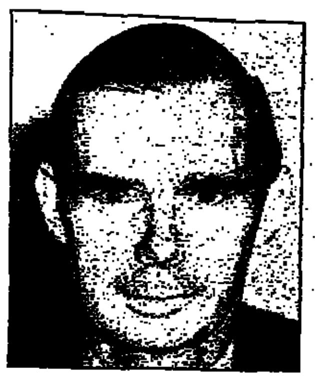
Littlewoods rethink after sale talks break down



Ross: price was key factor

By Sarah Cunningham

LITTLEWOODS, the privately-owned stores to football pools business, has abandoned plans to sell its 135 high street stores after talks with Kingfisher, the owners of Woolworths and Comet, broke down over price and conditions attached to the proposed sale.

Littlewoods's revised plans envisage the sale of 35 of its high street properties. James Ross, chairman, said this would result in an unspecified number of job losses. The stores currently employ 10,000 people.

Mr Ross said: "Any deal is about price, price and price." It is believed that Kingfisher wanted to pay no more than £500 million, while Littlewoods had been hoping to raise up to £600 million from the sale.

At the insistence of the Moores family, which owns the company, Littlewoods said the chain should be sold as a going concern in order to protect jobs. Kingfisher would have been compelled to guarantee job security and maintain the Littlewoods name. Its talks with Littlewoods were on and off throughout because of the conditions.

Retailers including Tesco, Boots, Marks & Spencer and Next are now expected to table offers for individual stores. Kingfisher is also expected to bid for some stores to add to its Woolworths and Superdrug chains.

Mr Ross would not say how much the company hopes to raise from the limited store sales now planned, but he said that any cash would be reinvested in the remaining, smaller high street outlets. They will be an average 10,000 to 15,000 sq ft in size and on no more than two floors. They will concentrate on ladieswear and on Littlewoods's own Berkertex brand. The stores may even be rebranded as Berkertex.

Littlewoods also announced yesterday that it has appointed a new chief executive. Barry Gibson, group retail director of BAA, will start the job on September 1. Before BAA, Mr Gibson worked for Burton Group and, in the Seventies, for Littlewoods. He will be replaced at BAA by Brian Collie, the retail director of UK airports. Mr Ross, who has been working full time as chairman and acting chief executive, will become part-time chairman.

The company remains committed to buying the Freemans catalogue business from Sears. It is waiting to hear from the Department of Trade and Industry on whether the deal may go ahead. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is due to report to the DTI by July 21, but Mr Ross said that he does not expect to hear the final decision until September. He said the company remains confident that the takeover will be allowed to go ahead.

Mr Ross said that if the Freemans deal is also blocked, Littlewoods plans to launch some direct mail catalogues. The company is also looking to expand its leisure business so it is less dependant on the struggling football pools side, which has been hit by the National Lottery.

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Beckett gets tougher with utility groups

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE President of the Board of Trade has launched a thorough review of utility regulation.

Just 48 hours before Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, was due to relieve utilities of billions of pounds through the windfall tax, Margaret Beckett said she wanted greater protection for consumers. The review will address widespread public concern about high charges, poor service and excessive pay for directors of utilities.

Mrs Beckett said she was determined there should be a better balance between customers and shareholders and that regulators must be more accountable to all stakeholders for the way they conduct their business.

Mrs Beckett's review will target gas, electricity, telecoms and water. A separate investigation by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, will look at transport.

The whole framework of regulation could be changed as the Government seeks to tackle concerns that have plagued the utilities since they were privatised. A vast range of issues will be on the table for scrutiny, ranging from the pricing formula that determines bills to executive pay and dividends

The Government has endorsed competition among utility suppliers but is keen to underpin competitive markets with fresh obligations on companies and regulataors to ensure protection for low-income households. Mrs Beckett said: "These are essential industries operating in very important areas of our economy and they have to deliver the kind of service people need at the kind of prices they can afford to pay."

The wide compass of the review, which will be conducted by government officials, will trigger fears among companies that regulation and government policy is likely to become tougher and more interventionist. Mrs Beckett denied the review would lead to more government control, saying: "They are private sector companies. But they are in a unique position because the services and goods they supply are of enormous importance. We are not talking about the Government taking control by the back door but we are talking about taking a long, cool look at whether there are changes and improvements we can make."

Mrs Beckett said the windfall tax to be announced in tomorrow's Budget should be seen as retrospective while her review would shape the way utilities operate in future.

The Government will implement changes to utility governance that will give greater emphasis to consumer interests. Regulatory bodies could be fused, especially the offices of the electricity and gas watchdogs, but Mrs Beckett doubts the wisdom of creating a super-regulator in charge of all utilities. The DTI-led review will work with other departments and take several months, leading to publication of a Green Paper on regulation.

Regulators all broadly welcomed the review. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, said there was a need to clarify the relationship between the Government and the regulators over responsibilities and accountability.

John Redwood, Shadow President of the Board of Trade, said utilities had been threatened with "more regulatory hassle" and that they would face greater burdens.

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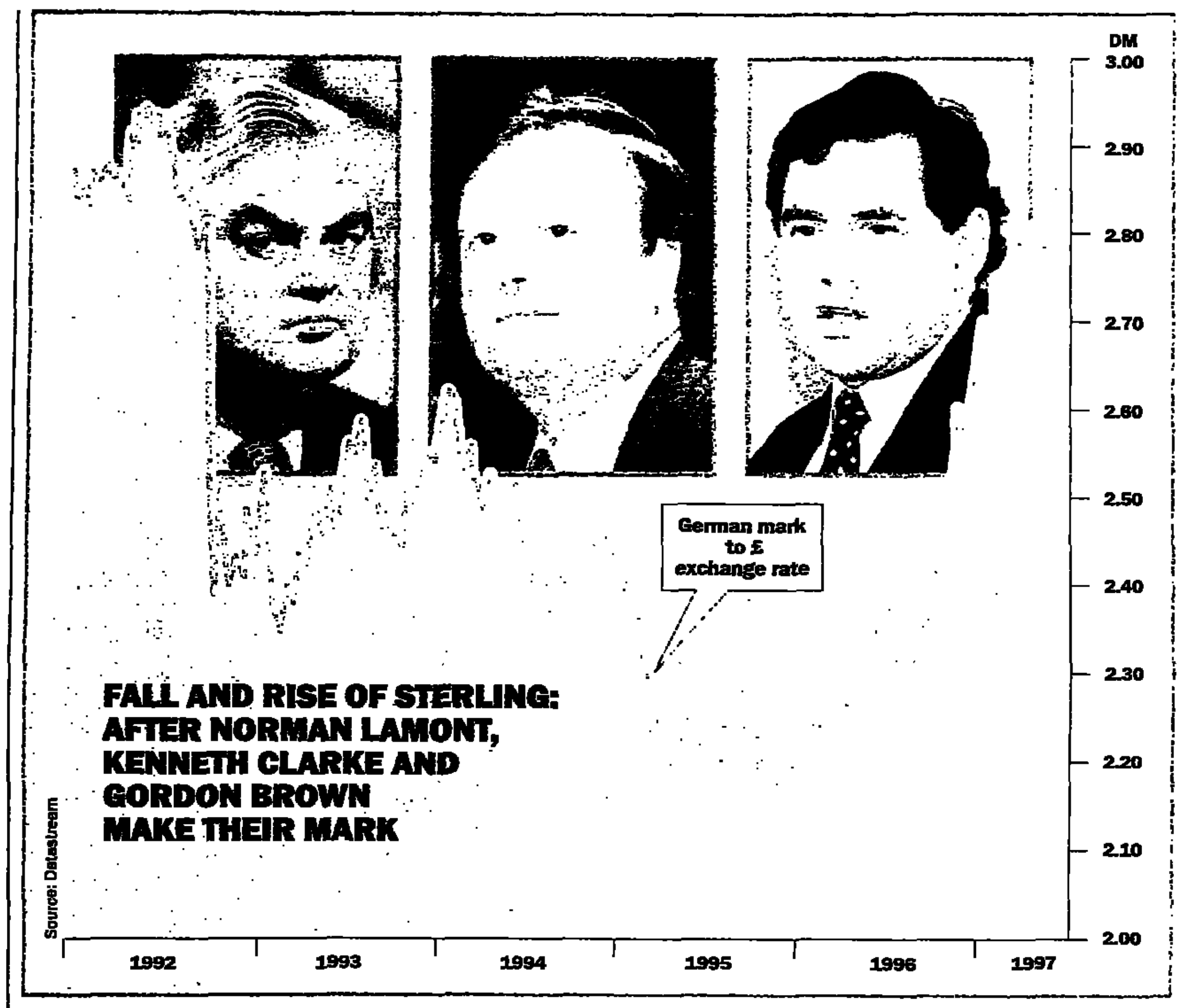
Severn Trent set to make £134m payout

SEVERN TRENT yesterday shunned political sensitivities to outline plans for a £134 million return to shareholders through a reorganisation of its share capital yesterday.

Other companies, notably Southern Electric, are preparing handouts to their shareholders after tomorrow's Budget. Most electricity and water groups have handed back cash, with the total exceeding £3 billion in seven years.

This has given shareholders returns far above market rates. The Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries says that since privatisaton the average return on electricity shares has been 38 per cent per year against a market average of 11 per cent.



FALL AND RISE OF STERLING: AFTER NORMAN LAMONT, KENNETH CLARKE AND GORDON BROWN MAKE THEIR MARK

Source: Datastream

Consumer credit lifts sterling

By Alasdair Murray, Economics Correspondent

THE pound stormed to a post-ERM high yesterday after the latest monetary data pointed to a continuing surge in consumer spending.

The pound closed up more than a pfennig against the mark at DM2.8990, having at one stage during the day cleared the psychologically important barrier of DM2.90 to reach DM2.9070. Sterling's trade-weighted index hit a six-year high, rising 0.3 to 102.1

The pound was boosted by figures showing consumer credit growing £1.1 billion in May, the second-largest increase on record. Total personal lending increased £3.1 billion with mortgage lending, which rose by £2 billion, growing at its strongest rate since last autumn.

The latest narrow money supply data, which was also released yesterday, pointed to the consumer spending spree continuing into June. M0 rose 0.6 percentage points, taking the annual rate to 6.3 per cent. The less volatile notes and coins data showed an annual rise of 6.2 per cent.

Economists said the new data would add to fears that consumer demand growth is accelerating as a result of the building society windfall payouts. Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, added that there was no evidence that consumers were using windfalls to pay off debt, with repayments actually falling in May.

Currency analysts said that the market is betting that any tax rises in the Budget will be insufficient to stop the Bank of England making further interest rate rises and the pound looks destined to hit DM3 in the near future.

Sterling also continues to profit from the renewed bout of uncertainty over European monetary union. Traders were switching to the "safe haven" currencies of the pound and the dollar yesterday after Chancellor Kohl and his CSU coalition partners publicly fell out over the terms of entry for a single currency and the latest French unemployment statistics showed the biggest jump for four years.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4604.6	(-35.7)
Yield	3.54%	
FTSE All share	2184.52	(-14.55)
Nikkei	20604.96	(+81.21)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7647.01	(-40.71)*
S&P Composite	882.88	(-4.42)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6¼%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	97 15/32*	(98 15/32)
Yield	6.82%*	(6.75%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅞%	(6 13/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	113 15/16	(114 15/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6645*	(1.6632)
London:		
$	1.6643	(1.6621)
DM	2.9001	(2.8859)
FFr	9.7710	(9.7340)
SFr	2.4263	(2.4077)
Yen	190.44	(190.38)
£ Index	102.1	(101.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7430*	(1.7395)
FFr	5.8750*	(5.8540)
SFr	1.4600*	(1.4525)
Yen	114.50*	(114.63)
$ Index	102.7	(102.6)

Tokyo close Yen 114.35

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$18.45	($18.25)

GOLD

London close	$334.35	($336.55)

* denotes midday trading price

NatWest request rebuffed

By Robert Miller

THE Takeover Panel has rejected calls from NatWest Group to force Barclays to make a statement on whether it intends to launch a bid for NatWest.

After more than a week of intense market speculation that Barclays was about to bid for NatWest, Alistair Defriez, director-general of the Takeover Panel, said yesterday: "No party has incurred an obligation to make a statement under the code".

NatWest has been concerned that continuing speculation over the bank's future, after it emerged that tentative merger talks with Abbey National had broken down, is affecting staff, customers and shareholders.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest, has invited fund managers to meet him over the next six weeks. Among those expected to attend are Legal & General, Mercury Asset Management, the Prudential and M&G.

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ProServ merges with Marquee

By Jason Nissé

PROSERV, the sports marketing agency that manages Greg Rusedski, the British tennis player, has been taken over in a deal that values the holding of the founder, Donald Dell, at $15 million.

In the deal ProServ is merging with Marquee Group, a Nasdaq-listed group which owns two other firms in the field — Sports Marketing & Television International and Atheletes & Artists. The combined company will be the world's second-largest sports marketing organisation. It will rival IMG, the famous organisation run by Mark McCormack.

The ProServ-Marquee deal is part of the consolidation in the sports marketing business which earlier this year saw Interpublic, the huge US advertising group, buy control of APA, the sports marketeer that was built up by Alan Pascoe, the former British athelete.

ProServ was founded by Mr Dell, a Yale law graduate, in 1970 when he retired as captain of the US Davis Cup tennis team. His first two clients were his team-mates Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith, who both want on to win Wimbledon.

Since then the group has specialised in tennis and basketball. It discovered Michael Jordan and negotiated his multimillion-dollar deal with Nike, although Mr Dell's former partner, David Falk, now represents the basketball star.

Among its current clients are Gabriella Sabatini, who recently signed a German perfume deal after retiring from professional tennis, the French Open tennis championships and the Breeders Cup, one of the world's most lucrative horse races.

Temporary solution at Andersens

By Jon Ashworth

ANDERSEN WORLDWIDE, the world's largest accounting and consulting organisation, has a temporary solution to its management problems.

Members of the 27-strong management board, meeting in New York, agreed to elect the chairman of the board, W. Robert Grafton, as acting chief executive of Andersen Worldwide. Mr Grafton, 56, is regional managing partner of Arthur Andersen's South East US region. He succeeds Larry Weinbach, who steps down at the end of August.

The move is intended to provide partners with a breathing space in which to consider their next move. A high-level committee will be set up to address "key organisational issues" with a view to producing specific proposals by spring 1998. The election of chief executive will be deferred until then. Andersen said the action "decouples the CEO electoral process from the separate and distinct process of achieving constructive organisational change." Partners meeting in Paris in April voted in favour of keeping Arthur Andersen under the same umbrella as Andersen Consulting, which broke away from the mainstream firm in 1989.

The new committee will examine the relationship between the two groupings, and look at ways of sharing costs between them. This forms part of a strategic plan, Andersen 21, agreed in Paris, and intended to be driven forward under the new chief executive.

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Northern Cross backs Eurotunnel refinancing

By Jason Nissé and Arthur Leathley

EUROTUNNEL yesterday won a massive boost in its battle to gain approval for its £9 billion debt restructuring.

Northern Cross, a Bermuda-registered fund speaking for 4 per cent of the company's shares, said it would be voting in favour of the refinancing at next week's extraordinary general meeting. Northern Cross has instructed the proxy voting group, Franklin Global Investors, to pledge its shares in favour of the deal. Franklin had been one of the strongest opponents of the refinancing and had recommended that its clients oppose it. It now looks as though all Franklin's clients, speaking for about 10 per cent of the company's shares, will support Eurotunnel next week.

Another shareholder group expected to oppose the deal, the Association of Eurotunnel Shareholders, meets tomorrow and may decide to support the company. This will leave one investor group, Adapté, against the refinancing.

The move by Northern Cross, which is managed in Boston, follows presentations by Patrick Ponsolle, the joint chairman of Eurotunnel, to US investors last week.

Eurotunnel has also indicated that it would make concessions in order to secure an extension to its licence to operate the Channel Tunnel beyond 2052. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minster, has issued a blunt warning that he will not be rushed into offering an extension to Eurotunnel's operating concession in advance of the shareholders' meeting.

Mr Prescott has held talks with M Ponsolle and the French Government in an effort to reach an agreement that could be crucial to the to restructuring plans. Mr Prescott is understood to be prepared to offer an extension of more than 50 years when the current concession ends.

However, Mr Prescott insists that he will not move on the issue unless Eurotunnel and the French Government offers "significant" changes to encourage more long-haul rail freight traffic.

Although Mr Prescott is said to sympathise with Eurotunnel's financial problems, one Whitehall official said: "He is aware of the difficult situation that Eurotunnel faces and, of course, he doesn't want Eurotunnel to go to the wall. But July 10 is their deadline, not ours, and we won't move until we are given the assurances we are seeking."

British officials are pressing Eurotunnel to give up some of the passenger train capacity to allow greater freight transport and also calling on the French Government to provide better opportunities for long-haul freight traffic.

Lonrho and JCI end talks on full merger

By Paul Durman

LONRHO and JCI, the South African mining company, have abandoned talks on a £2 billion merger but were yesterday unable to agree on whether they were still discussing other less ambitious deals.

While Lonrho said negotiations had ended, JCI insisted the companies were still discussing "other possible transactions which could unlock value for shareholders". JCI even suggested this was after an approach from Lonrho. Unusually, its statement named Terence Wilkinson, managing director of Lonrho South Africa, as the lead contact on the state of the talks.

Asked about the discrepancy, a JCI spokesman in London said: "I think there are cracks at the Lonrho end [that] could be worth probing." However, Lonrho denied there was any difference of opinion between Mr Wilkinson and Nick Morrell, Lonrho's group chief executive.

A full merger between Lonrho and JCI has looked increasingly unlikely since the first leak of the talks in May. Although Lonrho was, and remains, interested in combining its Duiker coal mining arm with JCI's Tavistock Collieries, it has shown little enthusiasm for a broader union. In particular, it saw little merit in surrendering its prized stake in Ashanti Goldfields of Ghana to Anglo-American Corporation as part of a side deal that would have seen Anglo sell its 27 per cent stake in Lonrho.

Many observers see Anglo, and its passionate desire to gain control of Ashanti, as the motivating force behind JCI's approach to Lonrho. Anglo only recently sold a 34.9 per cent stake in JCI as part of South Africa's black empowerment initiative. The black consortium that bought the shares struggled to finance the purchase at R54.50 a share. JCI's shares have since slumped to R35.50.

Charles Kernot, analyst at Paribas, said the collapse of the JCI talks was good news because it would allow Lonrho to concentrate on the demerger of its non-mining businesses in Africa, and the sale of Princess Hotels and other businesses. Shares in Lonrho fell 4p to 127½p, far below its own estimate of its net asset value of 163p a share.

Dutton-Forshaw, the motor dealer that made £6 million profit in the half-year to March 31, is a leading candidate for disposal, either by flotation or demerger. Lonrho also wants to sell its 70 per cent of Hondo Oil & Gas, a quoted US gas company. As Lonrho continues to shed the baggage it acquired under Tiny Rowland, the mining business is increasingly seen as an attractive takeover candidate.

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NU names finance director

Norwich Union, the newly floated life insurer, has promoted Michael Biggs, director of its international division, to group finance director. Mr Biggs, 44, used to work in corporate finance at Morgan Grenfell but has been with Norwich Union for six years.

Analysts said yesterday he had broad experience in management and finance and is regarded as a potential future chief executive. In October he replaces Richard Harvey who will become group chief executive in January when Allan Bridgewater retires.

Mulbery up

Mulbery, the leather goods group, lost £1 million of sales after its leather cutting machine broke down at the peak of its main production cycle. Pre-tax profit was £1.68 million (£816,000) in the year to March 31. The maiden dividend is 1.5p. A final 0.75p is due.

CMC

A report ("CMC links confirmed by NatWest", May 27) stated that CMC is "under investigation" by the Office of Fair Trading. The OFT is reviewing the subprime lending market as a whole and CMC has not been singled out for investigation.

JUSTIN SLEE

Mark Swaby, Brasway chairman, left, and Ken Webb, chief executive, said the hydraulic hose and lubricants firm had been hit in export markets by strong sterling. Brasway made £2.62 million (£2.55 million) pre-tax in the year to May 3. Earnings grew to 2.29p (2.25p), and the total dividend rises to 0.9p (0.83p) via a final 0.59p.

Regulator extends gas competition

MORE HOUSEHOLDS will soon be able to shop around for gas after the industry regulator cleared the way for the next round of competition to 2.6 million homes in Scotland and northeast England (Christine Buckley writes).

Rivals to Centrica, the supply part of the former British Gas, will be able to supply domestic gas in those regions from November, the programme rolling out to the rest of Britain by next April. Two million homes in England can already buy gas from a range of suppliers.

Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, said: "People in the South West and South East, with an average gas bill of £325 a year have been able to reduce their bills by around 20 per cent by switching supplier. This sort of saving will soon be available to everyone on mains gas."

Bank of Scotland in £89m EFT bid

By Marianne Curphey

BANK OF SCOTLAND has made an £89.6 million bid for EFT Group, the asset finance and leasing group.

The three founders of EFT each own between 1 and 2 per cent of the company. Hamish Grossart, the chairman, Ted Black, the managing director, and John Wight, the executive director, each stand to make about £1 million from the deal.

The recommended cash offer of 175p a share is by British Linen Bank, a subsidiary of Bank of Scotland. The bid is part of Bank of Scotland's strategy to diversify and build up profitable niche businesses.

The offer was announced after the stock market had closed yesterday. EFT shares were unchanged, at 134½p.

British Linen Bank intends to integrate EFT with its subsidiary, British Linen Leasing.

EFT's directors hold a total of 10 per cent of the company, with Scottish Amicable holding a further 10 per cent and HSBC nearly 7 per cent.

EFT specialises in consumer lending and contract hire.

Mr Grossart plans to leave to pursue other interests, but other directors would stay on.

The offer from the Bank of Scotland represents a 30 per cent premium over the mid-market price of EFT Group shares at the close of business on June 27.

EFT shareholders are also being offered the alternative of five new ordinary stock units in Bank of Scotland for every 11 EFT shares.

Investment club beats the Budget

A CONTROVERSIAL tax shelter linked to a polo club that boasts the Prince of Wales as its patron, has been launched two days before the Budget, which could outlaw such schemes (Gavin Lumsden writes).

The backers of the Second Insignia Cashbacked Series, an enterprise investment scheme, aim to raise £5 million to invest in companies that will provide corporate entertainment at Beaufort Polo Club near Tetbury in Gloucestershire.

Enterprise investment schemes have come under fire for providing a mechanism to escape paying tax. Introduced three years ago, the schemes were supposed to encourage investment in start-up companies by offering generous tax breaks, such as exemption from 20 per cent income tax.

'Mr Wigan' sells JJB shares

By Jason Nissé

DAVID WHELAN, known in the North West of England as "Mr Wigan", yesterday raised £16.9 million from selling shares in JJB Sports, the retailer he founded.

The money is to be used to build a new stadium for Wigan Athletic, the second division football club that he took control of last year. The 25,000-seat stadium will house both Wigan Athletic and Orrell, the rugby union club. Wigan, the rugby league club, recently sold its stadium at Central Park and is homeless. However, Mr Whelan said that unless Wigan changes its board he will not allow the club to play at the new stadium.

The development will cost around £20 million, with the balance coming from the £2 million sale of the old ground and about £1.5 million from the football trust.

Mr Whelan, a former professional footballer who broke his leg playing in the FA Cup final for Blackburn Rovers, sold 3.5 million shares, receiving about 482p each after commission.

He and his family will retain 55.1 per cent of JJB's shares. He has undertaken not to sell any more in the next 12 months.

Last month Mr Whelan transferred shares into a trust for the benefit of his grandchildren, a move he said was taken to avoid extra inheritance tax, which he expects to be levied in tomorrow's Budget.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.14
Austria Sch	21.27	19.72
Belgium Fr	62.71	58.07
Canada $	2.408	2.233
Cyprus Cyp£	0.895	0.828
Denmark Kr	11.55	10.73
Finland Mkk	9.14	8.44
France Fr	10.1	9.46
Germany Dm	3.04	2.81
Greece Dr	481	444
Hong Kong $	13.52	12.48
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.06
Israel Shk	6.29	5.64
Italy Lira	2987	2765
Japan Yen	204.30	187.80
Malta	0.673	0.617
Netherlds Gld	3.436	3.159
New Zealand $	2.60	2.38
Norway Kr	12.72	11.84
Portugal Esc	303.50	283.00
S Africa Rd	8.22	7.30
Spain Pta	255.00	237.50
Sweden Kr	13.59	12.56
Switzerland Fr	2.56	2.35
Turkey Lira	253301	234729
USA $	1.761	1.627

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bonn to sell 35.7% stake in Lufthansa

THE German Government is to sell its remaining stake in the flag carrier Lufthansa this year. The Government owns a 35.7 per cent stake in the airline, which at current market prices would raise between DM4 billion and DM4.5 billion. The Government has been working on plans to sell the stake as part of efforts to shrink its budget gap and help meet fiscal criteria for the European currency. Matthias Wissmann, the Transport Minister, said a legal change in shareholder rules taking effect today eliminates final obstacles for the planned sale of Lufthansa shares on the stock market.

Last week Deutsche Telekom said it had agreed with the Government to speed up privatization of the telecommunications company to raise cash. Under that agreement, a 25 per cent share will be transferred to a government-backed loan agency in two instalments in 1997 and in 1998. The Government is due to present an emergency budget for this year and its 1998 spending plan on July 11.

Crown lottery gamble

CROWN LEISURE, the distributor of arcade games, plans to invest in a new lottery system. Crown holds 28 per cent of Inter Lotto, which hopes to set up a network of on-line lottery terminals rivalling the National Lottery. Start-up costs will include a £5 million advertising campaign run by M&C Saatchi. Crown made £370,000 (£312,000) pre-tax in the six months to March 31, with earnings of 2.13p (same) per share. An interim 0.75p (0.51p) is due on July 7.

Tops Estates slips

TOPS ESTATES, the specialist investor in city shopping centres, slimmed its portfolio in the year to March 31, leading to its first profits decrease in four years. Profits fell to £2.34 million from £2.54 million, and earnings declined to 3.63p (4.43p) a share. However, disposals helped net asset value rise by 14 per cent to 243p a share. A final dividend of 1.853p, due on October 31, takes the total to 2.558p (2.436p). The shares fell 3p to 181½p.

Molecular mission

OXFORD MOLECULAR, the drug design software company, is to carry out work for Dainippon Pharmaceuticals of Japan, for which it will receive an initial fee, ongoing research fees and milestone payments. Cambridge Combinatorial, Oxford Molecular's recently formed associate, will be involved in the project. Oxford Molecular will design potential drugs for a selected biological target, and Cambridge Combinatorial will then make the compounds.

Profit lifts Coda shares

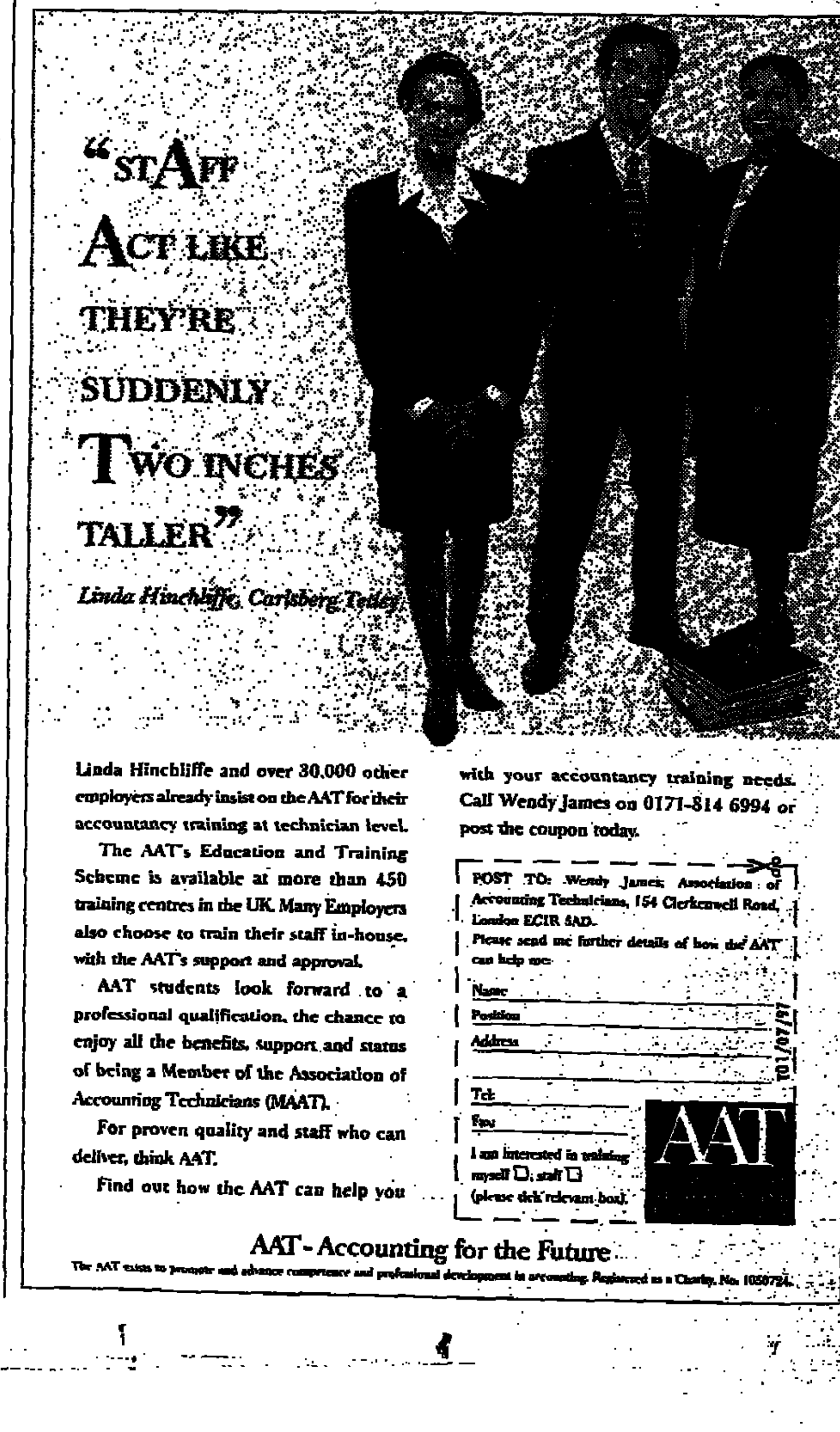
SHARES in Coda Group yesterday rose 13 per cent, to 144½p, as the accounting software company said that it has returned to profit, earning £60,000 before tax (£3.7 million loss) in its first half. After setting its troubled US business back on track and signing 79 new customers in the six months to April 30, Coda saw earnings per share rise to 0.2p (13.9p loss). It said business in the US, Europe and Asia is now strong and should stay profitable in the second half. There is again no dividend.

Second dealer fined

A SECOND penny-share dealer has been fined £250,000 by Fimbra, the regulator. Park Equity Services, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, was also ordered to pay costs of £68,000 for rule breaches including "failure to have good grounds for believing that its recommendations were suitable for clients". Fimbra said the company had failed to obtain and record proper information on clients. Last month, City Equities, a London penny share dealer, was fined £250,000, plus £31,000 costs.

TransTec buys Vector

TRANSTEC, the engineering group, has acquired Vector Plastics, the plastic injection moulder, for £18.1 million. The takeover is being funded by a £9 million share placing. Vector had revenues of £51.4 million in 1996 and made a trading profit of £1.7 million. TransTec said that its turnover and profits in the current year are in line with City expectations against a background of continuing growth in the automotive and aerospace markets.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No. 2889 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF STONEFLARE UK LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of June 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named STONEFLARE UK LIMITED ("the Company") whose Registered Office is at Lede House, Station Road, Cambridge CB1 2RN from £30,001,000 divided into 30,000,000 10.75 per cent Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each and 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each to £1,000 divided into 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each by cancelling and extinguishing 30,000,000 issued 10.75 per cent Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each in the share capital of the Company. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 9th day of July 1997.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished by any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 1st day of July 1997.
Mishcon de Reya
21 Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HS
Solicitors for the Petitioner

In the matter of Imodco Limited
and
in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the joint liquidators of the above company intend to make a distribution to the creditors of the company within four months from Friday 8 August 1997. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims to the joint liquidator at KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before 8 August 1997 which is the last day for proving claims. The full details of claims, referred to above, must include the creditor's name and address, the amount of the claim and particulars of how and when the debt was incurred by the company. Notice is also given that the intended distribution is a final distribution and will be made without regard to any claims not made by the last day for proving claims. All funds remaining in the joint liquidators' hands following the final distribution to creditors shall be distributed to shareholders absolutely.
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 24 June 1997
PJ Beirne
Joint Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
MARTINS FINE FOODS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 24th June 1997.
M R DORRINGTON, Liquidator

To ADE ADELAJA, late of 83 St Julians Farm Road, West Norwood.

TAKE NOTICE that an Action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Chancery Division CH 1997 A 1414 by the Second Plaintiff Claudette Adelaja c/o Messrs Johal & Company of 7 Northolt Road, South Harrow Middlesex HA2 0LH in which the Second Plaintiff's claim is for payment out of funds in Court and interest thereon.

AND THAT it has been ordered by the High Court of Justice that service of the amended Originating Summons in the said Action on you be effected by this advertisement.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must within 14 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication acknowledge service of the said amended Originating Summons by completing a prescribed form of acknowledgement of service which may be obtained on request from the Solicitors whose name and address appear below otherwise judgment may entered against you.
(Signed) JOHAL & CO
Dated 26/6/97
Messrs Johal & Company
7 Northolt Road, South Harrow
Middlesex HA2 0LH
(Ref: BJ/Adelaja)
Plaintiffs Solicitor

PAULA LINGE

Would PAULA LINGE formerly of Lilo House, 2 Lawry Drive, Haughton Regis, Bedfordshire or any person who knows her present whereabouts please get in touch with Mr T C Eaton of Messrs Overbury Steward & Eaton, Solicitors, 3 Upper King Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR3 1RL. Tel 01603 610481

THE SPORTING TWENTY-PAGER LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K D Goodman, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 13th June 1997. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address, all creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 13th June 1997
K D GOODMAN, FCA, Liquidator

The Sporting Twenty-Pager Limited
(IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 25 July 1997, to send their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K D Goodman, FCA of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED THIS 13th June 1997
K D GOODMAN, Liquidator

GERMAN CITY ESTATES N.V.

On 21 May 1997 and 12 June 1997, the general meeting of shareholders of the public limited liability company German City Estates N.V., with statutory seat in, and officiating at (1071 DV) Amsterdam, Johannes Vermeerplein 5, ("the Company"), has resolved to change the name of the Company to:

EUROPEAN CITY ESTATES N.V.

The deed of amendment of the articles of association of the Company with respect to the change of the name was executed on 26 June 1997. The AEX Exchanges N.V. is requested to amend the listing on the AEX as per 8 July 1997.

In connection with the amendment the CF-certificates and the K-certificates of the Company must be offered to ING Bank, PO Box 1800, 1000 BV Amsterdam on 8 July 1997 for the purpose of providing the certificates with a stamp from which the change of the name of the Company appears.

Amsterdam, 1 July 1997

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New generals fight old battles

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Gordon Brown's utility tax ought to draw a line under Labour's long and politically profitable battle against privatisation with the payment of war reparations. Sadly, the war seems destined to continue in a lower key.

No one can really blame Margaret Beckett for meeting Labour's pre-election promise to review regulation. Something must have been learnt in the 13 years since Oftel told BT to make phone boxes work.

A single regulator pitted against a single company breeds high-profile personal conflict, the results of which breed dissatisfaction among consumers. Gas and electricity should be brought together and Oftel merged into a wider communications regulator. Panels representing consumers, employees and investors could cool passions. Appeals should either become genuine or be abolished in favour of greater accountability of regulators to the courts and to Parliament.

Realists know, however, that the review cannot satisfy the expectations Labour's pre-election promise was meant to placate. Where holding companies sit above regulated utilities, any selective attempt to control boardroom pay is doomed. John Prescott will not let Mrs Beckett review his transport regulators, so her hope of bringing consistency between industries looks vain.

To hide such truths, the review is likely to keep utilities in the dock. Reforms will prolong uncertainty, will almost certainly burden utility managers with even more detailed controls and will surely accelerate the descent into US-style rate of return controls that Mrs Beckett, like Tory ministers, deplores.

The review will serve little purpose if it concentrates on the politically stirred conflict between consumers and shareholders. Companies fared well in the years from privatisation to the first price review. Thereafter, regulators proved perfectly able to tilt the balance decisively towards consumers, although Cornish folk would probably have been better off if their water had remained in state hands.

Regulation is failing in three areas. In energy, there is conflict between lower prices to help consumers and higher prices to help the environment. Competition in gas and power opens new conflicts between rich consumers who benefit, and poorer ones, who are left out. A separate review of water pricing will find that charges based on rates or council tax help the poor through cross-subsidy at the expense of economic pricing. Most of all, employees have been squeezed mercilessly between consumers and shareholders. Mrs Beckett is aware of these issues. Her review should focus on them.

Anglo's Ashanti game plan fails

Mzi Khumalo, the chairman of JCI, was close to Nelson Mandela in the movement to get rid of apartheid. But any negotiating skills he — and the backers who paid R54.50 a share to put him in charge of the old Johannesberg Consolidated as part of the black empowerment movement — may have acquired during the years of struggle against the Pretoria regime will have been sorely tested in dealings with Lonrho. Even post-Tiny Rowland, the old London and Northern Rhodesian company is a slippery corporate customer in a continent full of slippery customers.

The end of negotiations aimed at merging Lonrho and JCI will be no surprise to readers of these pages, as the valuation problem has long been highlighted as a possible deal breaker.

The collapse of JCI's price to yesterday's R35.50 — having stood more than 20 per cent higher when the talks with Lonrho were revealed — only made the merger less likely. But the manner of the break up had Nick Morrell and Sir John Craven in London saying the talks were all off and JCI in Jo'burg saying there still are negotiations about future co-operation. Essentially JCI — whose strings are being pulled by the giant Anglo-American — is holding out the hope that it can sell its Tavistock coal business to Lonrho in exchange for Lonrho's 33.6 per cent stake in Ashanti, the Ghanaian gold miner. At the same time Anglo will cut its 27 per cent stake in Lonrho to the 10 per cent it is allowed to have after the European Commission became concerned about cartels in the platinum market.

Dream on Anglo. The South African group has been stalking the Ashanti stake for long enough for the Lonrho management to know the game. What historically held Anglo back was all the furniture cluttering Lonrho — such as hotels part owned by Libyans. The Ashanti stake is the jewel in Lonrho's crown, and if Anglo wants it then it will need to find someone to bid for Lonrho and sell the stake to Anglo. To achieve this Anglo needs Sir John and Mr Morrell to finish their clean-up job at Lonrho, a bidder acceptable to the EC and deep pockets.

Trouble in store for Gibson

Barry Gibson must we wondering what on earth he has let himself in for. When he was approached about taking the job of chief executive of Littlewoods, the company was due to sell its high street chain and concentrate on its mail order and football pools businesses.

Yesterday, however, within hours of the announcement of his appointment, the dreaded news came from his Littlewoods: talks with Kingfisher were irrevocably off. Gibson, when he starts on September 1, will be stuck with the unlovely stores that he will remember only too well from when he managed one in the seventies. If he is taking long, lingering looks over his shoulder at his former colleagues at BAA, then who could blame him?

Efforts by Littlewoods to dress up its failure to sell the chain as a "New Strategic Plan" are hardly convincing. Sure, there are buyers for some of the stores. But this only means that Littlewoods will be left with a large number of less appealing properties, while the jobs that the Moores family was so keen to protect are in jeopardy.

From whichever direction you approach Littlewoods, it is in a mess. The stores strategy is in disarray, the purchase of Freemans could yet be blocked by the Government and the pools side has never recovered from the arrival of the National Lottery. For Gibson's sake, let's hope he has a good summer holiday and is ready for the challenge of a lifetime come September.

Call to account

AS A former chairman of the Takeover Panel, Lord Alexander of Weedon should have known that the City's oldest self-regulator would not come to the aid of NatWest in its hour of need. Barclays is therefore not being forced to say yea or nay to the idea of it bidding for NatWest, which is a shame. It would be nice to hear Martin Taylor explaining how he would persude his new friends in the Labour Party to let the deal to go through.

Beers sparkle at S&N as leisure division falls flat

By Dominic Walsh

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE, still Britain's biggest brewer after the blocking of Bass's acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley, yesterday announced a 21 per cent rise in annual profits on the back of bigger margins on its main beer brands and booming food sales.

A storming second-half performance from key beers, such as John Smith's and Foster's, and by retail concepts, including Homespreads and Rat & Parrot, helped to offset a 10 per cent fall in operating profits of the company's leisure division.

The main culprit in leisure is still the Center Parcs holiday village chain. Eleven of the 14 sites are on the Continent, at the mercy of the strong pound and weakness in many European economies.

S&N, of which Sir Alistair Grant is chairman, lifted group pre-tax profits before exceptionals in the year to April 27 from £308.2 million to £374.1 million — at the top end of City forecasts — on turnover 12.8 per cent better at £3.35 billion.

Part of the advance was a result of the first full-year contribution from Courage, acquired in August 1995, and its amalgamation with S&N brewing to form Scottish Courage. The division had a 45.8 per cent rise in operating profits to £177 million. For the second half of the year — when the figures are comparable — turnover rose 5.7 per cent and profits 28.8 per cent.

Brian Stewart, S&N's chief executive, said the figures showed the benefits of sacrificing volume and, in some cases, market share in the pursuit of higher margins. Mr Stewart said he was pleased by Friday's blocking by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, of the Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley deal, but played down the long-term implications. "I don't think it's going to make a fundamental difference to the beer market, where the emphasis will continue to be on strong brands," he said.

In S&N Retail, expansion of concepts such as Old Orleans and Finnegan's Wake helped to lift divisional profits 9 per cent to £171.6 million. The key element was a 13 per cent rise in food sales per outlet.

The benefit of focusing on food can be seen in the Chef & Brewer brand, bought from GrandMet in 1993. Mr Stewart said that it had been taken "back to basics" and relaunched as a pure pub-restaurant brand. S&N managed houses converted to the brand are, on average, tripling turnover.

A final dividend of 14.17p, due on 1 September, makes 21.38p (19.43p).

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PETER TREVNOR

Sir Alistair Grant, left, and Brian Stewart yesterday

Granada to replace head of Forte hotels

By Dominic Walsh

PATRICK COPELAND, head of Granada's Forte hotels division, has become the latest victim of the media and leisure combine's pursuit of higher profits. It emerged yesterday that Granada has appointed headhunters to find a replacement for Mr Copeland.

Mr Copeland, who was hired by Sir Rocco Forte from Inter-Continental Hotels, is the last high-profile link to pre-Granada days. In the wake of last year's sensational £3.9 billion takeover, Forte has lost all its original divisional managing directors.

A company insider said: "Patrick was judged to have done a good job running the business, but was not deemed to be the right man to take the business forward, for example by expanding the Mèridien business."

Leisure sector analysts said the rationale for the move could be found in Granada's last results. "In hotels, like-for-like turnover in London was up only 8 per cent and in the provinces just 5 per cent," said one. He added that "most companies are seeing double-digit growth".

It is thought Granada may look outside Britain for a replacement. Mr Copeland, meanwhile, was last night being seen as a possible chief executive at Millennium & Copthorne Hotels.

Pearson sues over £100m 'black hole' at Penguin

By Eric Reguly and James Bone

PEARSON has filed a civil racketeering lawsuit against a former employee, alleging she conspired to defraud Penguin, its book publishing subsidiary, of least $1.4 million to fund a lavish lifestyle.

The lawsuit, filed in New Jersey District Court, accused Christina Galatro, the former manager of credits and collections in Penguin's New Jersey office, of conspiring with an outside collection agent to divert Penguin funds for their personal use. Penguin claimed Ms Galatro, whose annual salary was $80,000, used the illicit funds to buy jewellery, antiques and Alaskan, Caribbean and European cruises.

Ms Galatro's husband, Stanley, was also named in the lawsuit, as was Jerome Bedell, the owner of Associated Companies, the collection agency used by Penguin. Penguin has obtained a restitution agreement from Mr Bedell, under which Associated will pay Penguin at least US$1 million.

Ms Galatro and Mr Bedell were accused of diverting cheques that should have gone to Penguin and of deducting more than Associated's agreed fees for work conducted for Penguin.

The alleged fraud was uncovered during an investigation into the unauthorised discounts extended by Ms Galatro to book retailers. The discounts were offered in return for early payments and led to a £100 million charge at Penguin earlier this year.

Ms Galatro was fired in February, shortly after the unauthorised discounts were discovered. A colleague in her department has since been suspended. He was not named in the lawsuit.

Penguin claimed unauthorised discounts, which went hidden for five years, were "were used in part to hide Galatro's thefts". Ms Galatro would not comment. Her lawyer claimed the company was looking for a "scapegoat."

Penguin said it uncovered Ms Galatro's spending by tracing more than 900 transactions on her corporate credit card.

Hodgson may launch bid

By Jason Nissé

HOWARD HODGSON, who was ousted as chief executive of Ronson a month ago, is believed to be working on a £13 million deal to take over the company.

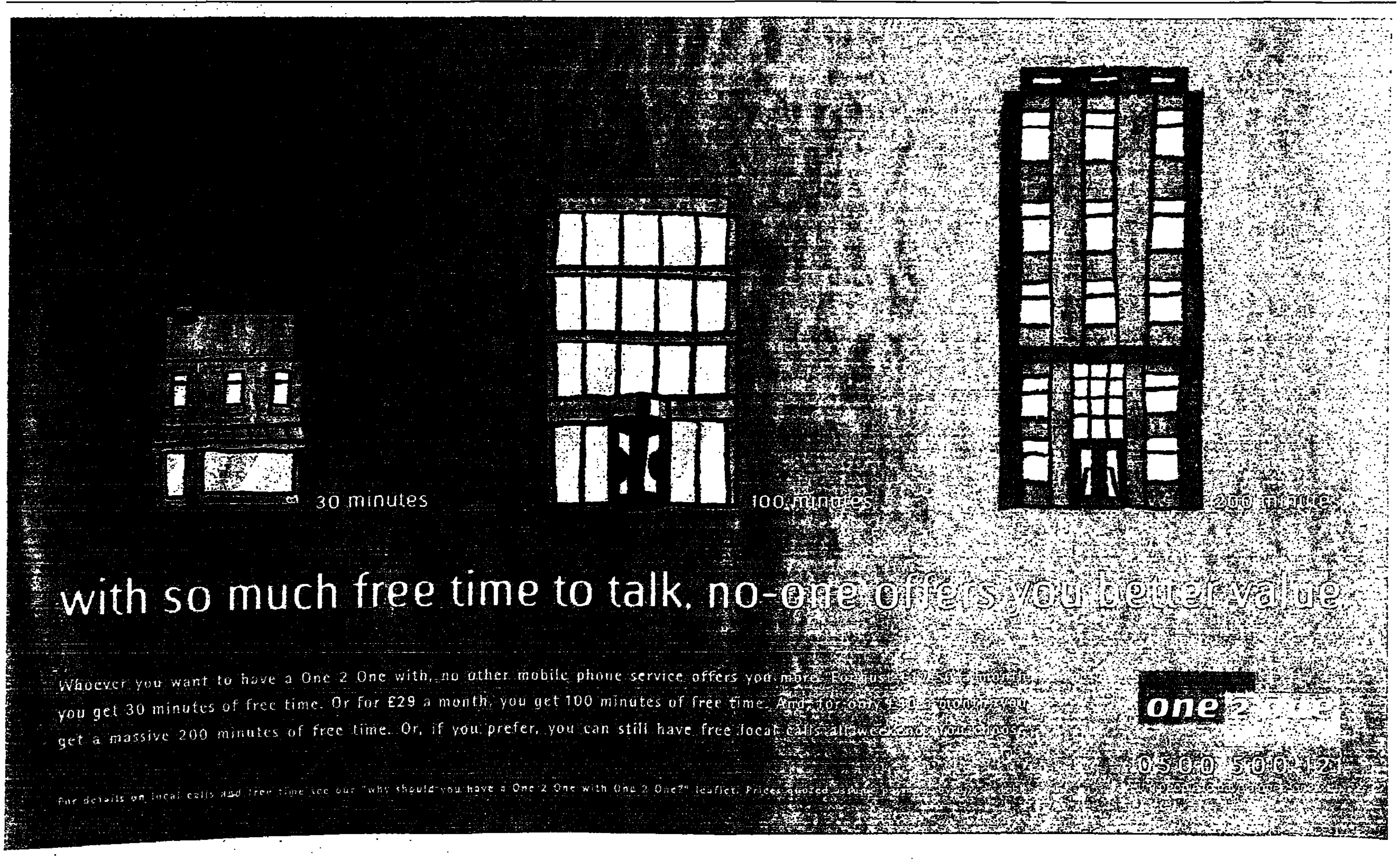
The move comes as the lighter and watch manufacturer announced that it lost £2.17 million last year — compared with a profit of £2.76 million in 1995 — after writing off £900,000 because of problems reconciling its sales with its debtors.

After this problem was uncovered, Mr Hodgson and Christine Pickles, Ronson's finance director and Mr Hodgson's girlfriend, resigned. Though they are technically entitled to compensation of £370,000 for Mr Hodgson and £80,000 for Ms Pickles, a Ronson spokesman said the company would resist any demands for a payoff.

Mr Hodgson is now understood to be attempting to raise money to bid for the company, although he would not confirm this yesterday.

Alan Kilkenny, a director of Ronson, said the company had found problems with its new management systems, which meant that it was finding it difficult filling orders for its products and had to fly in stock from Japan, so destroying its profit margins. Work on sorting out these problems should be completed by the end of the year.

Loss per share was 2.33p, compared with earnings of 3.42p, and there is no dividend.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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

New York and London shaken by rate fears

A LAST minute bout of pre-Budget nerves produced a volatile performance that had investors heading for the exit.

After losing an opening lead of 22 points, the equity market saw losses deepen as the day wore on. An opening fall of 75 points for the Dow Jones industrial average did little to help matters, as the FTSE-100 index closed near its low for the day with a loss of 35.7 at 4,604.6.

Worries about what the Budget may contain were heightened by the rise in M0, the narrow measure of money supply, and the latest bank lending figures.

Fears are growing about a possible rise in interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic. A strong rise in the Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index yesterday came ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee to discuss US rates.

Further speculative buying of **NatWest** bank saw the price touch 830p before coming off the boil to close 3p down at 807½p. Appeals for **Barclays Bank**, 33p off at £11.92, to clarify whether it intended to launch a bid, fell on deaf ears.

Even **Lloyds TSB** touched 639½p before falling 14p to 616p despite claims that NatWest Securities, the broking arm of the bank, was urging clients to switch out of **Halifax**, up 11½p at 773p.

Abbey National was left nursing a fall of 13½p at 820p after linking up with **Safeway**, 3p dearer at 347½p, to carry out an in-store banking trial at the new Safeway store in Leicester.

BTR continued to be supported by takeover speculation, rising another 6½p to 205½p. The price of the troubled industrial conglomerate has come up from a low of 184.5p in the past couple of weeks amid talk of a break-up bid for the company. Institutional investors are said to have become impatient about the pace of the group's restructuring programme.

Confirmation of the bid approach by **FKI** sent **Bridon** soaring 29½p to 135½p. At these levels the wire ropemaker carries a price tag of £101 million. Earlier this year, FKI, 3p down at 170p, made an abortive bid of almost £200 million for Newman Tonks.

The breakdown in merger talks between JCI, the South African mining group, and **Lonrho** left the latter 4p easier at 127½p. The talks began in May and had the backing of Anglo American, Lonrho's biggest shareholder.

News of a cash call and capital restructuring left shares of **Ferrum** more than halved with a fall of 4¾p at 2½p. The group plans to raise £3.1 million with the placing and open offer of an extra 233 million new shares. The news came on the back of a return to the black for the group for the first time since 1992.

Severn Trent put on 13p at 777½p after pledging to hand a further £134 million to shareholders as part of a reorganisation of its share capital, including a share consolidation. The rest of the water companies ended the day mixed as they anxiously awaited details of the proposed windfall tax in tomorrow's Budget. **Anglian** finished down 25p at 651½p, and **South West Water** 3p at 705p, while **United Utilities** put on 9p at 660½p, **Yorkshire** 7p at 390½p and **Wessex** 4p at 403½p.

Profit-taking left **Scottish & Newcastle**, Britain's biggest brewer, 4½p cheaper at 646½p. This was in spite of full-year profits towards the top end of expectations and an encouraging run-down about current trading.

Worse than expected trading news left newcomer **Jardinerie Interiors** 20p down at 117½p. The group joined AIM in October last year at 114p.

Charterhouse Tilney, the Liverpool broker, has been pushing shares of **Ocean Group**, up 3p at 527½p. It has been telling clients that the quality of earnings has been improved by the recent disposal of OIL, its offshore support vessel subsidiary. The invested proceeds are expected to accelerate earnings.

JJB Sports, the sportswear retailer, marked time at 492½p despite plans by David Whelan, founder and chairman, to sell 3.5 million shares. He wants to use the £17 million proceeds to invest in Wigan Athletic, which last season won promotion to Division Two of the Football League. Whelan owns 55 per cent of JJB, while he and his son-in-law control 89 per cent of Wigan. Trading in the 22 weeks to the end of June had exceeded expectations.

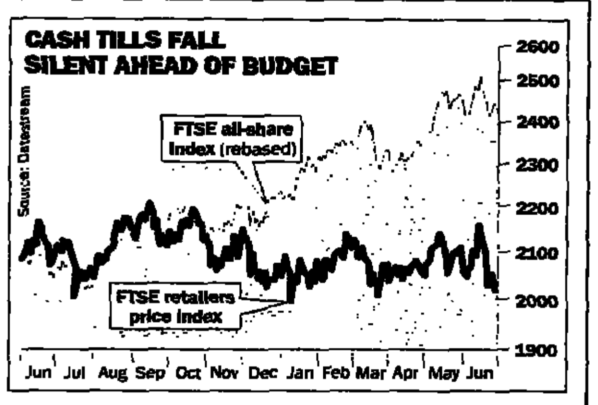
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices in the London bond market lost all of Friday's gains as investors began winding down their positions ahead of the Budget.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt ended £17/32 down at £113 15/16 as the number of contracts completed was reduced to 54,000.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £⅝ to £108 25/32, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks off at £102 25/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street drifted down in morning trading ahead of tomorrow's Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meeting. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 40.71 points at 7,647.01.

Roger Partington, of Safeway, 3p higher, and Andrew Pople, of Abbey National, down 13½p, launch in-store banking



WORRIES about a clampdown on consumer spending in the Budget added to the woes of an already depressed stores sector. Next fell 25½p to 678½p following a survey from Fashion Trak indicating a substantial slow-down in sales growth. Brokers were not surprised, pointing to the poor weather and the fact the group would have been hard-pressed to match the 24 per cent increase in like-for-like sales seen in the second quarter last year. But there are also suggestions that the shares have been undermined by a poor response given to its autumn/winter preview catalogue.

Matthew Siebert, at ABN Amro Hoare Govett said: "The sector was always going to look a bit ropey ahead of the Budget. Its not surprising to see falls. It is sentiment driven and very volatile. But a 25p fall in Next does seem to be extreme."

Losses were also seen in WH Smith, 13p to 359½p, Boots 11p to 703½p, Austin Reed 6p to 219p, Marks & Spencer 6p to 498p, Argos 11p to 547½p and Kingfisher 14p to 682p.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7647.01 (-40.71)
S&P Composite	882.88 (-4.42)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	20604.96 (+81.21)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	Closed
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	861.55 (-6.90)
Sydney:	
AO	2725.9 (+23.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3785.77 (-9.64)
Singapore:	
Straits	1987.95 (+13.58)
Brussels:	
General	13626.27 (+14.98)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2858.26 (-32.78)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1154.80 (-13.70)
London:	
FT 30	2985.6 (-17.7)
FTSE 100	4604.6 (-35.7)
FTSE 250	4431.3 (-14.7)
FTSE 350	2228.0 (-15.4)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2532.09 (-3.11)
FTSE All-Share	2184.52 (-14.55)
FTSE Non Financials	2211.31 (-12.57)
FTSE Fixed Interest	123.66 (-0.61)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.51 (-0.35)
Bargains	52717
SEAQ Volume	807.8m
US$	1.6636 (+0.0016)
German Mark	2.8990 (+0.0133)
Exchange Index	102.1 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	n/a
£:SDR	1.1985
RPI	156.9 May (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.3 May (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIT	150½	...
Aston Villa	837½	...
Caradon B	98½	+ 18½
European Mining	25	...
Grosmont Hldgs	3½	...
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	¼	+ ¼
Heart of Midlothian	110½	...
Highland Timber	124½	...
Integrated As Mgt	125	...
Longbridge Intl	117½	...
Norwich Union (290)	319½	- 8½
Powderject Pharms	200	+ ½
Reabourne Merlin	110½	+ ½
Royalblue Group	207½	+ 1½
SBS Group	112½	...
SGB Group	155½	...
Versailte Group	3½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benchmark Gp n/p	8½	...
Century Inns n/p (155)	2	...
Dragon Oil n/p (2)	1	...
Millwall Hldgs n/p (1)	¼	...
Waterfall Hldgs n/p	5½	- ½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Britton Gp	60p (+9p)
C'try Casuals	126½p (+14p)
Real Time	250p (+16p)
Flextech	643p (+20½p)
Natl Express	448½p (+12p)
PizzaExpress	629p (+10p)
Halifax	773p (+11½p)
FALLS:	
DCS Gp	225½p (-46p)
Shield Diag	430p (-25p)
Regent Inns	285p (-16p)
Admiral	399p (-19½p)
Berkeley Gp	690½p (-27p)
Smith WH	359½p (-13p)
Cairn Energy	485p (-12½p)
Dixons Gp	467p (-11p)
Lloyds TSB	616p (-14p)
Photobition	525p (-11p)
Kingfisher	682p (-14p)
Hanson	298½p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Pension funds hold back

ANYONE who has been investing in the FTSE 100 index over the past year has made a lot of money, but he has not been following the herd. Pension funds have been selling equities and building up their cash positions.

The withdrawal of funds from the share market has been going on for two years and the net cash position of the pension fund industry could be somewhere between 5 and 6 per cent of total assets. Liquidity has not been as high since 1990, when base rates were more than 10 per cent, soaring briefly to 15 per cent. Even taking into account the low inflation of today, institutions have few incentives to stuff their money in deposit accounts when comparing the returns from buying shares.

Figures for the first quarter of 1997 show little change in the attitude of pension funds. After some reinvestment in the last quarter of 1996, the funds have pulled back a bit and the high liquidity levels look set to continue. So what is driving the market? Sentiment seems to be the answer; foreigners have not been notably active although they have been aggressive buyers of gilts in the first quarter.

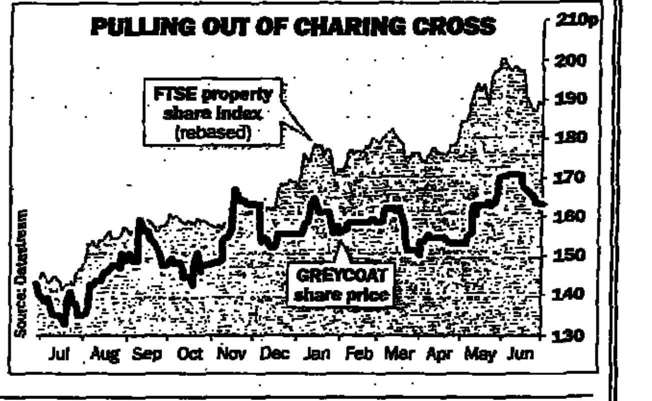
Takeovers, special dividends and buybacks have kept the pot bubbling, but the question is what the funds will do if the Chancellor cuts their income by abolishing the dividend tax credit. Unit trusts will be hurt from the loss of a major selling point but pension funds which find few reasons to invest in equities today will be hard pushed to buy shares with a reduced dividend. Instead, the funds will search out the high dividend payers And the big losers will be companies that reinvest heavily, precisely those manufacturers and hi-tech companies that Labour claims to love.

Greycoat

NEVER known to underpay, the Sultan of Brunei has pushed the boat out at Embankment Place. For a building let at a rent which is almost a third more than the market rate, the buyer is prepared to settle for a yield of only 7.5 per cent. With the next rent review in three years, the Sultan could be waiting eight years before he sees an increase from the current £45 per sq ft. Even so, Greycoat stands to make a small book loss on the transaction leaving one to wonder what assumptions drove Greycoat's valuers when they last looked at the property.

Yet, book profits and losses are not the issue here. Embankment Place was a drain on Greycoat because of the high cost of finance — the company had £161 million of debt secured against a low-growth asset on which it was paying interest at 10.5 per cent. Selling the property and shrinking the balance sheet should maximise the potential from three central London developments that are due for completion at exactly the right time.

With £25 million of potential development profit in the pipeline, there are arguments against taking up the 171p offer. Net asset value could rise to 200p, say some analysts but development is a riskier business than passive property investment and Greycoat's price is unlikely to race to a premium. If the company is offering net asset value for the shares today, some investors might wish to lock in some profit now.



S&N

SCOTTISH & Newcastle shares have lost ground while the quality of its business has improved.

The blackspot was leisure; Center Parcs let the side down with a 12 per cent drop in profits (though the much smaller Pontin's chipped in a 19 per cent rise). There have been suggestions that S&N should sell Center Parcs, but Brian Stewart, chief executive, is against such a move. There is not much he can do about the strength of sterling but he has taken the operational problems firmly in hand. No new villages will be built until existing sites have been brought up to scratch.

Elswhere, S&N's investment in branded pub concepts is paying off with food sales rising ahead of the market, and on the brewing side it is chasing higher margins at the cost of slightly lower volumes (although big name brands such as John Smith's, Kronenbourg and Foster's all achieved double-digit volume growth in an impressive second half). Pursuing that policy will be made easier by Margaret Beckett's decision to block the Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley merger, which leaves S&N Britain's biggest brewer.

With earnings growth of 14 per cent expected this year, The shares are priced on a forward multiple of just over 12 times, an unwarranted 20 per cent discount to the market.

British Airways

POOR old British Airways: the company spent millions on a corporate makeover only to see the cabin staff fling the new makeup kit on to the floor in a huff and threaten to walk out.

Yesterday, the ground crew, too, signalled their disapproval but the latter have different reasons for discontent.

British Airways is busy shedding non-core businesses, such as the preparation of in-flight meals but staff who interact with customers are unlikely to be candidates for outsourcing initiatives.

BA is walking on more dangerous ground by confronting its cabin crew but it has little choice. Seen as a hi-tech industry, its operations are curiously low-tech and labour-intensive. The airlines are more akin to hotels and restaurants than other service sectors where semi-skilled staff are being replaced by technology. Hence, the sensitivity to the wages bill which over the last six months has escalated in comparison with US or Continental competitors due to the strength of the pound. Nevertheless, BA will probably tough it out even if the unions strike. Cabin crew jobs may have lost the glamour they once had in the 1960s but BA still has 10 applicants for every position. man counterparts.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1135-1132	Sep	1195-1190
Sep	1151-1150	Dec	1204-1200
Dec	1150-1149	Mar	1215-1212
Mar	1158-1157	May	1224-1223
May	1172-1168		
Jul	1192-1180		Volume: 13620

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1765 SLR	Mar	1704 SLR
Sep	1797-1790	May	1690 SLR
Nov	1790-1770	Jul	unq
Jan	1744-1735		Volume: 5576

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	314.8-14.3
Spot: 327.5		May	313.8-12.3
Aug	321.0-20.7	Aug	313.0-10.8
Oct	315.4-15.1	Oct	305.5-03.5
Dec	313.5-13.1		Volume: 1469

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	92.40	115.54	94.70
(+/-)	+0.33	-2.65	+2.92
Eng/Wales:	92.40	115.67	94.50
(+/-)	+0.33	-2.41	+2.91
(%)	+18.0	-25.0	-13.0
Scotland	unq	114.72	96.63
(+/-)		-4.39	+2.62
(%)		-1.0	+7.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.30	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.35	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.45	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.60	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.65	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	189 (+1)	190 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	165 (+2)	166 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	81 (n/c)	83 (n/c)
Naphtha	171 (+1)	172 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	165.00-65.25	Oct	169.25-69.75
Aug	166.25-66.50	Nov	171.25-71.50
Sep	167.75-68.00		Vol: 9699

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.32-18.33	Oct	18.64-18.68
Aug	18.43-18.45	Nov	18.71-18.73
Sep	18.56-18.57		Vol: 22339

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	81.50	Sep	81.50
Sep	83.75	Nov	83.85
Nov	86.00	Jan	85.85
Jan	88.10	Mar	87.85
Mar	90.00	May	89.25
Volume: 282		Volume: 25	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	35.0
Mar		59.0
Apr	70.1	68.0
		Volume: 61

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 65.25-65.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 97	1300	1300	1300
Jul 97	1295	1275	1290
Aug 97	1260	1240	1254
Oct 97	1419	1419	1419

Vol: 70 lots Open Interest: 3316

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2584.5-2585.5	2429.0-2430.0	1364775
Lead ($/tonne)	614.00-615.00	627.50-628.00	179000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1422.0-1423.0	1427.5-1428.0	742475
Tin ($/tonne)	5525.0-5530.0	5570.0-5575.0	12930
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1560.0-1561.0	1584.5-1585.0	2058850
Nickel ($/tonne)	6785.0-6790.0	6905.0-6910.0	101364

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	420	17	37	42	4	15	21
(*431½)	460	4	20	23	29	37	47½
ASDA	120	5	9	11½	1½	5½	7
(*124)	130	1	4½	7½	6½	11	12½
Boots	650	50	66½	76½	1½	7½	16½
(*703½)	700	12	33½	45	13	25	35
Br Airways	650	34½	60½	71	3½	15	19½
(*685)	700	7½	31	42½	20½	35½	40½
BP	700	49	64	77½	1	13	18½
(*736½)	750	12½	33½	48	15	32	39
Br Steel	140	10	15	17½	1	4	6½
(*147½)	160	0	5½	7½	11½	13½	17
C & W	550	15½	40½	52½	13½	29	36½
(*552)	600	1½	19½	31½	49	59	65
CU	600	39½	63½	77	6½	31	37
(*635)	650	9½	39	52½	29	56½	62½
ICI	800	40½	59	77½	4	22½	29½
(*835)	850	11	33	51	21½	47	53
Land Sec	800	49	60	70½	1	11	15½
(*849)	850	13	36	47½	14	29	34
M & S	460	39½	51½	59½	1	6	9½
(*498)	500	7½	25	34½	9½	19½	24
Nat West	800	27½	64½	93½	16½	59½	75
(*806½)	850	11	46	71½	50	87½	103
Safeway plc	330	19½	31	39	1½	7½	12½
(*347½)	360	2½	14½	23½	15	21	27
Sainsbury	360	10	22½	30	5	12	17½
(*364)	390	1	9	16½	26	29½	34
Shell	400	14	26	32	4½	12	15½
(*410½)	420	5	16½	23½	12	20	23
Smkl Bch	1100	27½	69	98	21½	49½	65½
(*1105½)	1150	9	45½	73½	52	76	92
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	105½	160½	201	11	49	66½
(*1995)	2000	37½	101½	150	42½	90	110
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	500	41½	56½	70	4½	22	26½
(*537½)	550	11	30½	45	21	45	51½
Vodafone	280	15½	27	34½	3	10	14½
(*292½)	300	4½	16	24½	11	19	24
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	550	31½	54	61½	11	19	20
(*562)	600	11	29½	39	35½	45	44
Ladbroke	220	20	24½	29	2½	6½	8½
(*235)	240	8	13	18	10½	15½	17½
Utd Bisc	200	12½	17	21	9½	10	11
(*204½)	220	4½	8	12½	17½	22½	22½

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	550	14½	31	41½	8½	21	26
(*553½)	600	1½	12½	20	46½	51½	55
Thames W	650	46	49	57½	4	23½	33
(*693½)	700	12½	27	34	38½	49½	59½
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	200	12½	18	23	6	12	14½
(*205½)	220	4	9½	14½	16½	23½	26
Br Aero	1300	69	96½	128	24½	46	55
(*1339)	1350	40½	69	100½	47	68½	77½
Br Telecm	420	33	39	36	12	16½	22
(*445½)	460	10	14	19½	37½	41	45½
Cadbury	500	43½	52	63	3	11	14½
(*535½)	550	13	24	34½	22	32	36½
Guinness	550	49½	60½	69	5½	16	21
(*588)	600	17½	31	41	25	37	43
GEC	330	31	34½	40	3½	9	11
(*359)	360	10	18	24½	17	22	24½
Hanson	300	14	21	28	10	17½	21
(*301½)	330	3½	9½	16	30	36½	39
LASMO	240	24½	32	34	3½	11½	9½
(*259½)	260	11½	20	25½	10½	14	17
LucasVarity	200	14½	19½	25	5	9	10½
(*209)	220	5	10	15½	15	19	21
Pilkingtn	130	10½	—	—	2½	—	—
(*137)	140	6	—	—	6½	—	—
Prudential	550	48	63	74	14	25½	26½
(*582)	600	20½	37	48	39½	49	59½
Redland	330	19	30	36½	8½	17	19
(*339)	360	5½	16½	23	25½	33½	35½
R-Royce	220	16	22½	29½	5	9½	11
(*230)	240	6	12½	18½	14½	19½	20½
Tesco	360	20	27½	36	7	14	17½
(*369½)	390	6½	13½	21½	23	30	33½
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4603½)

	4500	4550	4600	4650	4700	4750
Calls						
Jul	145	112½	84½	61½	42	29
Aug	172½	143	112½	89	67½	50
Sep	208	177	146	121	98½	76½
Oct	234	203½	172½	147	124	101
Dec	301	—	236	—	183½	—
Puts						
Jul	54	71½	93½	121½	153½	193
Aug	83½	106	125	152	180½	214½
Sep	90	119½	140½	168	196½	226½
Oct	117½	137	157	183	211½	240½
Dec	136	—	174	—	226½	—

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Abby Nat	800	35½	64½	87½	12	40	53½
(*820)	850	14	41	63	36	67	79½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1150	59½	99	136	13	49	68½
(*1194)	1200	29½	73	110½	31	73	92½
Natl Pwr	500	27½	47	54	5½	15½	21½
(*522)	550	4	22	29½	31½	40½	47
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo Well	1200	53	84½	114	10½	45	55½
(*1240½)	1250	22½	58½	87	30	68	77½
HSBC	1800	72	130½	190½	27	75	103
(*1847½)	1900	22	87½	138½	73	127	152½
Reuter	600	37½	59	70	2	17	23½
(*632½)	650	8	32	49	22	40	46½
Royal & Sun	420	27½	44	51½	3	18	25
(*443)	460	7	23½	32	20½	37½	44
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Blue Circ	420	20½	30	39½	9	18½	23
(*428)	460	5	13½	21½	34	41½	45½
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Kingfishr	650	45	58	73	7½	17½	23½
(*682)	700	16½	30½	45½	28½	39½	46½
	Series	**Jun**			**Jun**		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Dixons	460	35½	37½	46½	20	26½	32
(*467)	500	10	20½	29½	45	50	55
EMI Group	1050	60	87½	104½	49½	64½	74½
(*1072½)	1100	38½	64½	81½	78½	92	101½
Tarmac	120	10	12½	15	3½	6½	9
(*125)	130	5	8	10½	8½	12	13½
Hillsdwn	160	13½	—	—	2	—	—
(*169)	180	3	—	—	12	—	—
Lonrho	120	11	13	16	3	4½	7
(*128)	130	5½	9	11	7½	9½	11½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	260	9½	15	19	13½	16	18½
(*260½)	280	3	8	11½	28	30	32
Lloyds TSB	600	44½	62½	74	28	36½	49
(*616)	650	23	40½	51	55½	63½	73
Scot Pwr	390	19	24½	27	25½	28½	31
(*390)	420	9	14	17	41	44	51
Unilever	1700	77	110½	137½	39½	52	64½
(*1721½)	1800	31½	60½	86½	93½	104½	115½

June 30, 1997 Tot: 31189 Call: 17190 Put: 15998 FTSE Call: 1917 Put: 1824
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	114.17	114-18	113-26	113.30	54643
Previous open interest: 159116	Dec 97				113.16	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	101.92	101.99	101.43	101.49	138498
Previous open interest: 262639	Dec 97	101.00	101.00	100.58	100.58	2911
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	134.55	134.70	133.82	134.00	44351
Previous open interest: 95523	Dec 97				106.45	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.07	124.16	124.00	124.16	8432
	Dec 97	123.51	123.52	123.51	123.53	30
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.95	92.95	92.88	92.88	20387
	Dec 97	92.79	92.79	92.72	92.72	18343
Previous open interest: 499984	Mar 98	92.71	92.72	92.63	92.64	17074
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.85	96.85	96.82	96.82	12316
Previous open interest: 1463070	Dec 97	96.76	96.77	96.71	96.72	33633
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.53	93.55	93.46	93.48	34005
Previous open interest: 329331	Dec 97	93.96	93.96	93.80	93.86	12183
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97	99.11	99.11	99.11	99.11	20
	Mar 98				98.88	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.52	98.53	98.44	98.47	17095
Previous open interest: 136065	Dec 97	98.35	98.36	98.28	98.30	5063
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.86	95.87	95.82	95.84	411
Previous open interest: 30492	Dec 97	95.82	95.82	95.78	95.78	107
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4662.0	4695.0	4601.0	4606.0	11698
Previous open interest: 65178	Dec 97	4745.5	4748.0	4663.5	4663.5	502

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 7/16 ; 3 mth 6½ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅜ ; 3 mth: 6 7/16 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 9/16-6½	6⅝-6 9/16	6 11/16-6⅝	6⅞-6 13/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 11/16-6⅝	6 13/16-6 11/16	6⅞-6 13/16	7 1/16-6 15/16	7⅜-7¼
Interbank:	6 11/16-6½	6 13/16-6 11/16	6⅞-6 13/16	7 1/16-6 15/16	7⅜-7¼
Overnight: open 6½, close 8 .					
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6 13/16	6 15/16	7¼
Sterling CDs:	6 11/16-6⅝	6¾-6 11/16	6⅞-6 13/16	6 15/16-6⅞	7¼-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.57	n/a	5.67	5.76	6.01
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6 11/16	6⅞-6 13/16	7-6 15/16	7¼-7⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 15/16-5 13/16	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3 3/16-3 1/16	3¼-3⅛	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅛-2⅞
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1½-½
Yen:	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	¾-⅝	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $334.70-335.00 **Close:** $334.10-334.60 **High:** $335.00-335.30 **Low:** $334.10-334.60 **AM:** $334.05 **PM:** $334.55

Krugerrand: $333.75-335.75 (£200.25-202.25)

Platinum: $430.00 (£258.22) **Silver:** $4.67 (£2.805) **Palladium:** $187.00 (£112.52)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2506-3.2721	3.2591-3.2627	1⅛-⅞pr	3-2¾pr
Brussels	59.780-59.990	59.780-59.882	21-15pr	56-49pr
Copenhagen	10.993-11.066	11.030-11.040	1⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Dublin	1.0971-1.1065	1.1021-1.1042	8-2pr	20-13pr
Frankfurt	2.8972-2.9066	2.8989-2.9014	1⅛-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Lisbon	291.50-293.41	292.39-292.73	⅞-⅛pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Madrid	244.15-245.66	244.61-244.92	33-22pr	1.02-83pr
Milan	2818.5-2839.9	2830.5-2833.0	Par-16ds	9-14ds
Montreal	2.2899-2.2975	2.2949-2.2971	0.72-0.68pr	1.33-1.26pr
New York	1.6624-1.6658	1.6638-1.6648	0.153-0.132pr	0.453-0.422pr
Oslo	12.114-12.213	12.176-12.194	⅞-⅝pr	3-2pr
Paris	9.7330-9.7640	9.7668-9.7752	2⅞-2⅝pr	8¼-8⅛pr
Stockholm	12.812-12.908	12.858-12.879	⅞-⅛pr	⅞-⅛pr
Tokyo	189.94-190.78	190.32-190.56	1⅛-⅝pr	3-2⅝pr
Vienna	20.317-20.456	20.396-20.415	⅞-⅛pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.4134-2.4326	2.4250-2.4276	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3379-1.3388
Austria	12.24-12.25
Belgium (Com)	35.91-35.95
Canada	1.3781-1.3786
Denmark	6.6281-6.6301
France	5.8695-5.8725
Germany	1.7409-1.7414
Hong Kong	7.7475-7.7485
Ireland	1.5065-1.5085
Italy	1698.15-1698.45
Japan	114.33-114.38
Malaysia	2.5243-2.5250
Netherlands	1.9598-1.9608
Norway	7.3218-7.3268
Portugal	175.71-175.81
Singapore	1.4298-1.4308
Spain	147.11-147.21
Sweden	7.7266-7.7341
Switzerland	1.4560-1.4570

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6641-1.6668
Australia dollar	2.2246-2.2268
Bahrain dinar	0.6205-0.6325
Brazil real*	1.7914-1.7959
China yuan	13.630-13.930
Cyprus pound	0.8495-0.8595
Finland markka	8.5675-8.6835
Greece drachma	452.75-459.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.8972-12.9027
India rupee	59.06-60.02
Indonesia rupiah	4009.0-4077.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4980-0.5080
Malaysia ringgit	4.2020-4.2056
New Zealand dollar	2.4552-2.4592
Pakistan rupee	66.75 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9900-6.1140
Singapore dollar	2.3800-2.3831
S Africa rand (com)	7.4720-7.5740
U A E dirham	6.0450-6.1690

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	736	Ladbroke	3,200
ASDA Gp	5,800	Land Secs	1,600
Abbey Ntl	3,200	Legal & Gn	1,800
Allnce & Leic	2,500	Lloyds TSB	5,000
Allied Dom	4,200	LucasVarity	2,400
AB Foods	821	Marks Spr	2,200
BAA	1,200	Mercury Ast	1,200
BAT Inds	3,300	NatWst Bk	5,200
BG	3,700	Nat Grid	2,200
BOC	2,600	Nat Power	1,700
BP	7,500	Next	2,800
BSkyB	5,400	Orange	3,200
BTR	13,200	P & O	2,500
BT	11,200	Pearson	2,700
Bk of Scot	2,200	PowerGen	1,600
Barclays	2,100	Prudential	1,700
Bass	4,900	RMC	281
Blue Circle	3,100	Railtrack	1,400
Boots	1,000	Rank Group	4,700
BAe	1,300	Reckitt Col	664
BA	2,100	Reed Intl	2,300
British Land	1,500	Rentokil	3,400
Brit Steel	15,600	Reuters	4,800
Burmah Cstl	1,200	Rio Tinto	1,900
Cable Wire	3,600	Rolls Royce	5,200
Cadbury	2,900	Royal & Sun	3,300
Carlton Cms	1,400	Royal Bk Sct	3,400
Centrica	8,200	Safeway	3,000
Cm Union	1,300	Sainsbury	4,200
Dixons	2,300	Schroders	95
EMI	823	Scot & New	1,200
Energy Gp	3,600	Scot Power	2,400
Enterpr Oil	616	Svrn Trent	788
GKN	1,800	Shell Trans	11,400
GRE	1,100	Siebe	713
GUS	1,000	SmKl Bch	3,300
Gen Acc	396	Smiths Inds	897
Gen Elec	4,600	Std Chartd	2,000
Glaxo Well	4,700	TI Gp	1,300
Granada	2,600	Tate & Lyle	2,500
Grand Met	2,800	Tesco	3,700
Guinness	1,400	Thames W.	854
HSBC	1,800	Tomkins	1,900
Halifax	13,600	Unilever	1,300
Hanson	1,800	Utd Utilities	1,300
Hays	360	Utd News	979
ICI	4,100	Vodafone	3,500
Imp Tob	2,900	Whitbread	1,000
Kingfisher	1,700	Wolseley	1,700
LASMO	1,300	Zeneca	2,500

WALL STREET

	Jun 30 midday	Jun 27 close
AMP Inc	42⅞	42¼
AMR Corp	93¾	94¼
AT & T	35¼	35⅞
Abbott Labs	66¾	67⅛
Advanced Micro	35¼	35¾
Aetna Life	102⅜	103 9/16
Ahmanson (HF)	45¾	45⅛
Air Prod & Chem	83¾	83 11/16
AirTouch Comm	27	27½
Albertson's	36¼	36 13/16
Alcan Alumin	34	34¼
Allied Signal	82⅜	84
Alum Co of Am	75⅜	76
Amerada Hess	54⅛	54 5/16
Amer El Power	41½	42
Amer Express	75½	75 15/16
Amer Genl Corp	48⅜	48 5/16
Amer Home Pr	76¼	77 11/16
Amer Intl	148⅜	150 1/16
Amer Stores	49⅝	49¼
Amer Standard	43⅞	43¾
Ameritech	67⅝	68½
Amgen	57¾	59 1/16
Amoco	87⅛	87⅛
Andrew Corp	27¼	27¼
Anheuser-Busch	42 1/16	42 1/16
Apple Computer	14½	14 11/16
Archer Daniels	23	23 11/16
Armco	3 11/16	3¾
Armstrong Wrld	73 1/16	73 5/16
Asarco	30 5/16	31¼
Atl Richfield	69¾	69⅛
Atmel Corp	27 1/16	29¾
Auto Data Pro	45¾	46¼
Avery Dennison	39 1/16	38⅛
Avon Products	70 1/16	70 5/16
Baker Hughes	38	38¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26 11/16
Banc One	49	50
BankAmerica	65⅞	66½
Bank of NY	44⅛	44 7/16
Bankers Tr NY	87⅛	88¼
Barnett Banks	51¼	52
Bausch & Lomb	47	47 1/16
Baxter Intl	54 9/16	55 1/16
Becton Dickinsn	52⅞	53⅛
Bell Atlantic	73 1/16	73¾
BellSouth	44½	44⅛
Black & Decker	37 1/16	37⅛
Block (H&R)	31¼	31 5/16
Boeing	53¾	53⅞
Boise Cascade	39 3/16	39⅛
Boston Scien	60	60 1/16
Bristol Myrs Sq	81¼	82 1/16
Browning Ferris	34 9/16	35 1/16
Brunswick	31½	31 1/16
Burlington Nthn	90	90⅛
CMS Energy Corp	35¼	35 1/16
CPC Intl	91½	92
CSX	54⅛	55 1/16
Campbell Soup	48 9/16	49 1/16
Carolina Pwr	36	36
Case Corp	66½	66½
Caterpillar	106⅛	108
Central & SW	21	21
Champion Intl	55	55¾
Chase Manhat	97⅜	97⅛
Chevron Corp	72⅜	72⅛
Chrysler	32⅛	32⅛
Chubb Corp	67⅜	67 1/16
Cigna Corp	178	179⅛
Citicorp	120¾	120⅜
Clorox	131½	131¼
Coastal Corp	53	53⅛
Coca Cola	70⅛	71
Coca Cola Ent	22¾	23 1/16
Colgate-Palm	66⅜	66
Columbia Gas	66⅛	66⅛
ColumbiaHCA	39⅛	39⅜
Compaq Comp	98 1/16	98⅛
Comp Ass Intl	54 1/16	54¾
Conagra	64	64¾
Cons Edison	29 1/16	29⅜
Cons Nat Gas	53⅛	53⅛
Cooper Inds	50⅛	50 1/16
Corestates	54⅞	55
Corning Inc	55⅛	55 1/16
C'wide Credit	31 1/16	31 1/16
Crestar Finl	40⅛	40⅛
Crown Cork	54	54 1/16
Dana Corp	38 1/16	38¾
Dayton Hudson	54¾	54 1/16
Deere	53⅝	55 1/16
Delta Air Lines	82⅛	83 1/16
Deluxe Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Digital Equip	35⅛	36
Dillard Dept St	34 9/16	35
Disney (Walt)	79 9/16	79 9/16
Dominion Res	36 1/16	36 1/16
Donnelley (RR)	36¼	37 1/16
Dover Corp	62½	62⅜
Dow Chemical	87⅛	88 1/16
Dow Jones	39¾	39⅛
Dresser	36⅛	38¼
Duke Power	46⅛	46 9/16
Dun & Bradstreet	26¾	26¾
Du Pont	61	61¼
Eastman Chem	63½	64¼
Eastman Kodak	77⅛	78½
Eaton Corp	86½	86 11/16
Edison Inf	25¾	25½
Elect Data Sys	42⅛	42 11/16
Emerson Elec	55⅞	56¼
Engelhard Corp	20½	20¾
Enron Corp	40⅛	40⅝
Entergy	26¾	27
Ethyl Corp	9 1/16	9
Exxon	60⅝	60⅝
FMC Corp	78¾	79⅛
FPL Group	46⅛	46⅝
Federal Express	57	57⅛
Fifth Third Banc	81	80⅛
First Bk Sys	84⅛	85⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	63¾	63¾
Fluor Corp	54	54⅛
Ford Motor	38⅛	39
Fortune Brands	36½	36⅝
GTE Corp	43⅝	43
Gannett	101¼	101¼
Gap Inc Del	38⅛	38
Gen Dynamics	76	76⅛
Gen Electric	65⅝	65⅝
Gen Mills	65⅝	65⅞
Gen Motors	55⅜	55⅝
Gen Reinsurance	184¼	185⅛
Gen Signal	43⅜	43¼
Genuine Parts	34½	34¼
Georgia Pac	87⅛	87⅝
Gillette	94⅝	96¼
Glaxo Wells ADR	41⅛	41⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44
Goodyear Tire	62¾	63⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26⅛	26⅛
Great Wstn Fin	55¾	55¾
Halliburton	78¾	78¾
Harcourt General	48⅜	48⅜
Heinz (HJ)	46⅛	46¾
Hercules	48⅛	48⅛
Hershey Foods	56½	56½
Hewlett Packard	54¾	54½
Hilton Hotels	26¾	27⅛
Home Depot	68⅛	68⅝
Homestake Mng	13	13⅛
Honeywell	75⅛	75¾
Household Intl	115⅜	115¾
Housing Inds	21¼	21⅛
Humana	22¾	22¾
ITT Corp	60	59⅛
Ikon Office	24⅞	24⅞
Illinois Tool	50⅜	51
Illinova	22	21⅞
INCO	30⅛	30⅛
Ingersoll Rand	59⅞	61
Inland Steel	26⅛	27
Intel Corp	142⅛	142⅛
IBM	90⅝	91¼
Intl Flav & Fr	50⅛	50⅝
Intl Paper	49	49⅛
James River Va	36⅛	37⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	63¾	64¼
Kellogg	83⅛	82⅛
Kerr-McGee	63⅝	65⅞
Kimberly-Clark	49⅝	49⅛
Kmart	12⅝	12⅛
Knight-Ridder	48⅝	49⅛
Lilly (Eli)	108⅝	109⅛
Limited Inc	19⅛	19⅝
Lincoln Nat	64½	64⅞
Litton	48⅛	48
Liz Claiborne	47⅛	47¼
Lockheed Martin	103⅛	104⅛
Louisiana Pac	20⅞	21⅛
MCI Comm	39⅛	39⅛
Manpower Inc	48¼	48⅛
Marriott Intl	62⅛	62⅛
Marsh & McLnn	72⅛	146⅛
Masco Corp	41	41½
May Dept St	47⅛	48⅛
Maytag Corp	26⅛	26⅝
McDonalds	48⅝	48⅛
McDonnell D	67⅛	68⅛
McGraw Hill	59⅛	59⅛
Mead Corp	62⅛	63⅝
Medtronic	87⅛	87
Mellon Bk	45⅛	45⅛
Merck Inc	104⅛	103⅛
Merrill Lynch	60	60⅛
Microsoft	128⅛	127⅛
Minnesota Mine	100⅝	101¼
Mobil Corp	69⅛	69⅞
Monsanto	41⅛	41⅝
Morgan (JP)	109⅝	106⅛
Motorola Inc	76¼	76⅝
Natl Semi	30	30¼
Natl Service Ind	48⅝	47⅝
Navistar Int	17⅛	17⅛
NY Times A	52¼	51½
Newmont Mng	40	39⅛
Niag Mohawk	8⅛	8⅝
Nike B	58	58⅛
NL Industries	14⅝	14⅝
Norcen Energy	15⅝	15⅝
Nordstrom	47⅛	47⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	101	103⅛
Nthn State Pwr	51¼	51⅝
Norwest Corp	56	58⅝
Nynex Corp	56	58⅛
Occidental Pet	25¼	25⅛
Ohio Edison	21⅛	21¼
Oracle	49⅛	50⅛
Oryx Energy Co	20⅝	20¼
Owens Corning	43⅛	43⅛
PPG Industries	57⅛	58⅝
PMI Group	60⅛	60⅛
PNC Bank	43	43
PP&L Res	19⅛	19⅝
Paccar Inc	51⅝	50⅝
Pacificorp	21¼	22
Pac Enterprises	33¼	33⅝
Pall Corp	23⅝	23¼
Parker Hannifin	59	59⅛
Peco Energy	20¼	20⅝
Penney (JC)	50⅝	51
Pennzoil	75⅛	76½
Pepsico	38⅛	37⅛
Pfizer	121	122
Pharm & Upjhn	33⅛	34⅝
Phelps Dodge	86¼	85⅛
Philip Morris	42⅛	42⅛
Phillips Pet	42⅛	42⅝
Pitney Bowes	72¾	73⅝
Polaroid	54⅛	53⅛
Procter & Gmbl	138⅝	139⅝
Providian	32⅝	32⅛
Pub Serv E & G	25	25
Quaker Oats	44¼	44⅛
Ralston Purina	82⅛	82⅛
Raychem Corp	73¾	74
Raytheon	50⅝	51¼
Reebok Intl	46¼	46⅛
Reynolds Metals	70⅝	70⅝
Rockwell Intl	59⅛	60⅝
Rohm & Haas	90⅝	90⅝
Royal Dutch	52⅞	213¾
Rubbermaid	29⅛	30
SBC Comms	59⅝	59⅝
Safeco Corp	47	47
St Paul's Cos	77	77¼
Salomon Inc	55	56
Sara Lee Corp	42	42⅛
Schering Plough	48⅝	48⅛
Schlumberger	124⅛	124¼
Seagram	39⅛	40⅛
Sears Roebuck	54⅛	53⅛
Shell Trans	124⅛	126
Sherwin Wlms	30¾	30⅝
Silicon Graphics	15⅛	15⅝
Snap-On-Tools	39⅛	39⅞
Southern Co	21¾	21¾
Southtrust	41½	41½
Sprint Corp	51⅛	52⅛
Stanley Works	41½	41½
Sun Company	31⅝	31¼
Sun Microsys	37⅛	36⅛
Suntrust	55⅛	56⅝
Supervalu	36½	36⅝
Sysco Corp	37⅛	37
TRW Inc	57⅛	57½
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
TIG Hldgs	32⅛	31⅝
Tandem Comp	19⅝	19⅝
Tandy Corp	56⅛	57⅝
Temple Inland	56	58
Tenet Healthcare	29⅝	29⅛
Tenneco	44¼	44⅛
Texaco	109⅛	108⅛
Texas Inst	84⅝	85⅛
Texas Utilities	33⅝	34⅝
Textron	65⅛	66⅝
Thermo Elect	34⅛	34⅛
Time Warner	47⅝	47⅛
Times-Mirror A	57	57⅛
Timken	34	33⅝
Torchmark	71½	72⅛
Toys R Us	33⅝	34⅛
Transamerica	94⅛	94⅛
Travelers	62	63⅝
Tribune	49⅛	49⅛
Tyco Int	68⅛	69⅛
UST Inc	27⅛	28⅛
UAL	71⅝	72
US Inds	36⅛	36⅝
US West Comm	36⅛	38⅛
US West Media	20⅝	20⅝
USAirways Group	35⅛	36
USX Marathon	28⅛	29⅛
Unicom	22⅛	22⅛
Unilever NV	211⅛	213¾
Union Camp	51¼	51⅝
Union Carbide	47⅝	47⅛
Union Pacific	68⅛	69⅛
Unisys Corp	7⅝	7⅛
USF&G Corp	23⅝	24⅝
United Tech	83½	84⅛
Unocal Corp	38⅛	38⅛
VF Corp	84⅛	85
Wal-Mart Stores	32⅝	32⅝
Warner-Lambert	123⅛	123⅝
Waste Mngmt	32⅛	33⅛
Wells Fargo	275⅛	276⅛
Westinghouse El	23⅝	23⅝
Weyerhaeuser	52⅛	53⅛
Whirlpool	53⅝	54⅛
Whitman	25⅛	26⅛
Winn Dixie	38⅛	38⅝
Witco Corp	37⅝	38⅛
Woolworth	24⅛	24⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	67⅝	67⅝
Xerox	77⅛	78⅛
Zenith Elect	12	11⅝

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Quest for the right balance at NatWest

Executives appear to believe the bank is vulnerable. Not all analysts agree, according to **Robert Miller**

Further embarrassment was heaped upon NatWest and Lord Alexander of Weedon, its chairman, yesterday when the Takeover Panel rejected the bank's request for Barclays to make a formal statement about a possible bid.

This incident, which would have little significance in any other context, represents yet another setback for Lord Alexander and Derek Wanless, chief executive, coming so soon after the breakdown of merger talks with Abbey National. It has damaged their quest to convince investors such as Legal & General, Mercury Asset Management, the Prudential and Standard Life that their vision for the future of NatWest is the right one.

NatWest has invited shareholders to its imposing City headquarters over the course of the next six weeks, not to tell them of any great new initiative, but rather to listen to fund managers' concerns. One of those fund managers said yesterday: "My question is simple. How are they going to improve profitability of the bank? That's it." Another added: "What are they going to do about NatWest Markets?" While a third said he wanted to "wait and see what NatWest are saying before making any long-term decisions".

NatWest is in the spotlight primarily because NatWest Markets (NWM), its global investment banking business, was forced to announce that it had found a £90 million blackhole in its interest rate options book. Six managers and traders have left the bank and the City's watchdogs have launched a full-scale investigation. Dealing in the highly volatile derivatives markets is a legitimate business area. What is not acceptable is that the losses should have remained undetected for more than two years.

Rory Murphy, general secretary of the NatWest Staff Association, said: "NatWest has slid down the banking scale in the last five years. It is now in the first division of banks, albeit top of it, with the Co-op, rather than in the Premier League. That is not necessarily all its own fault, but NatWest Markets has not helped its cause."

He continued: "All this talk of a takeover by Barclays or another high street bank could be misplaced. Look at the way in which banking services are delivered nowadays down the telephone line or through a computer and maybe NatWest could merge with British Telecom or Cable & Wireless. Or they could talk to Bill Gates and Microsoft, he's got the money and his company develops the software that delivers the banking services." Speculation about NatWest's future has not been helped by the fact that it approached Abbey National with a possible merger deal in which it appears that it would have been the junior partner. The City and private NatWest shareholders took the NWM incident and the takeover talk, put them together, and came up with the view that even the bank itself believes that it is vulnerable.

Johnny de la Hey, bank analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, believes that such a view is misplaced. NWM is almost certain to be "downsized" in the present internal review. It has an eclectic mix of businesses some of which are at the extreme end of the risk spectrum. Mr de la Hey said: "The rate of return on investment in NatWest Markets are not spectacular and earnings are volatile. But, if you strip out NWM you are left with the bank and that is altogether very different."

Mr de la Hey points out that NatWest Bank, which plans to reduce its branch network to 1,750 by the end of next year from 2,000 in April last year and reduce staff levels by a further 10,000 within five years, has about 10 per cent market share of the credit card market. Further, it can claim 18 per cent of all current accounts and a healthy 29 per cent of the small to medium-sized business banking market, and Lombard, its credit finance arm, is the largest in the UK.

Telephone and online personal computer banking services are being extended and improved and just yesterday NatWest raised its savings rates on an instant access account. The bank, which also owns Coutts, bankers to the Queen, and Gartmore, one of the UK's top five fund managers, is also making strong headway and winning plaudits in the student market, one of the few areas in retail banking in which it is possible to pick up genuinely new customers.

If Lord Alexander and Mr Wanless ever feel moments of doubt then they could always turn to Andrew Buxton and Martin Taylor, their counterparts at Barclays. Three years ago Barclays was regarded in much the same "basket case" light as NatWest is now.

Britain has too many banks and rationalisation of the branch network is inevitable. That does not mean to say, however, that NatWest will not still be there in five years' time. Whether the saviour is an internal one or a contender from outside remains to be seen, but, whoever it is, they need to get to work very soon.

Heavy-handed management has left BA under a cloud

Effects of staff unrest will be felt for years, says **Jon Ashworth**

Two weeks ago I arrived at Heathrow Terminal One to scenes of chaos. Long queues trailed through customs, and flights were suffering delays of 1½ hours. We boarded our British Airways flight to Copenhagen and were 30 minutes past our scheduled departure time when the captain made an announcement.

There was, he said, a problem. Our cases were on the tarmac next to the aircraft. The baggage handlers (employed by BA) were refusing to load them. He was trying to persuade them to co-operate. Hopefully, we would soon be on our way.

We eventually made it into the air, but the incident left a sour taste. How many such episodes does it take before the business travellers who fuel BA's revenues defect in droves to rival carriers? The threatened summer of disruption will do little to help.

Ayling: threatened to sue

The current dispute has little to do with pay, and everything to do with the BA management, led by Bob Ayling, the chief executive.

BA employees at every level are vociferous in their contempt for the BA administration. Lord King of Wartnaby, who presided over difficult reforms, is remembered with grudging affection. Sir Colin Marshall continues to command respect. Not so Mr Ayling.

Few question BA's need to get in shape for the new millennium, but it is the manner in which change is being imposed that has caused such consternation. Witness the expensive new BA colour scheme, unveiled at a time when unions were balloting on industrial action. Ditto the overnight closure of union offices at Heathrow and Gatwick, prompting accusations that BA was behaving like "a 19th century mill owner". Such steps could only invite confrontation.

Last year's threatened pilots' strike — called off at the last minute — resulted in improved communications between pilots and management, but this has yet to spread to other sides of the business. Flashpoints include the closure of BA's contract handling unit, which employs about 400 baggage and other workers at Terminal Two and Terminal Three. The unit closed in the face of consistent losses and declining market share.

BA staff working in the ramp and baggage areas at Heathrow face new working arrangements, a two-year pay freeze and the introduction of best operational practices. New recruits will start on lower rates. The intended sale of BA's catering arm has triggered fresh conflict.

Staff remain deeply suspicious about BA's links with Flying Colours, a fledgling charter airline. The fear is that Flying Colours will take over many of BA's less profitable routes, breaking the grip of the unions and removing jobs by stealth.

With all this rumbling on, it is hardly surprising that morale is at a low ebb. I have nothing against Mr Ayling but there comes a point when a business pioneer (as he undoubtedly sees himself) becomes a liability in the eyes of the shareholders. BA will resolve its current impasse one way or another but will find it far more difficult to win back the loyalty of its workforce.

Mr Ayling may not have grasped the finer points of dealing with real people, as opposed to numbers on a page. His threat to sue or sack staff who strike bear this out. Where an olive branch was needed, he brandished an iron bar, and the reverberations will be felt for years to come.

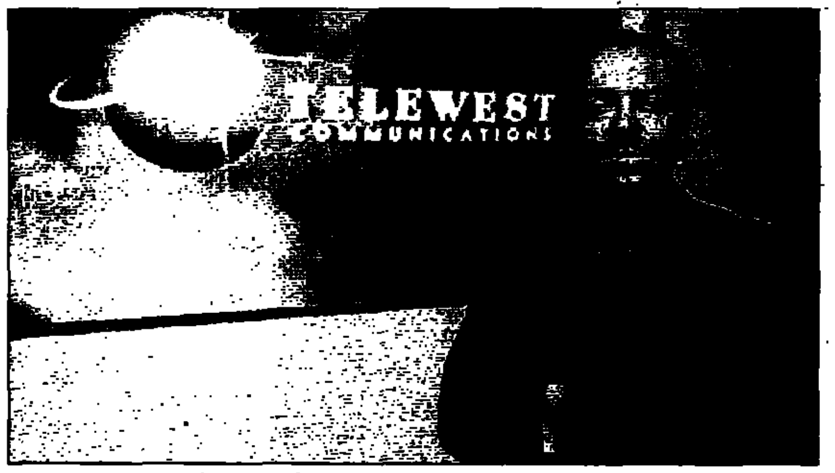
Junk bonds are back to meet the needs of buyout teams

Martin Waller says investors are being tempted into high-risk instruments

US junk bond market collapsed in 1991

Michael Milken: junk-bond king

Welcome Break is hatching plans



Stephen Davidson was forced to rethink after a run on Telewest's shares

Gazumping is back. Chains of estate agents are changing hands for millions. Sir Terence Conran is opening restaurants. Welcome to 1980s retro-chic. There is one other throwback from the fevered end of that decade — the junk bond.

Half a dozen recent buyouts in Europe, several of them in the UK, have used this form of finance, even though the collapse of the US junk bond market in 1991 led to the collapse of several of Wall Street's finest, notably Drexel Burnham Lambert, where Michael Milken, known as "the junk-bond king", worked. There are a couple more in this country supposed to be pending.

Junk bonds are being pushed very hard by the American investment banks that are coming to dominate the City. But some observers say that an over-reliance on a form of debt that offers lenders little security while locking them into the investment for, generally, more than a decade, risks restarting the cycle of over-expansion and collapse.

First, some definitions. Their advocates prefer the term "high-yield bonds". Under whatever name, these are financial instruments now being used in management buyouts, for example, that offer a much higher return than available to normal bank lenders.

The yields on offer are linked to a particular benchmark bond or gilt, but set about four points higher. For example, the government security chosen might be yielding 6 per cent over ten years. The junk bond would therefore offer a yield of a little more than 10 per cent. They rank, in terms of seniority, behind proper bank debt but above equity. In other words, should the company collapse, banks are paid first, bondholders next and shareholders last. Where they differ from mezzanine finance, the second-stage financing that also ranks between straight debt and equity, is that they are registered, or quoted, on Wall Street, can therefore be traded and come under the authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Junk bonds were used in the February buyout by Castle Trasmission Services, an American consortium, of the BBC transmitters for £240 million. The junk bonds provided £100 million of the financing. Called "senior unsecured loans" in that case, they carried an interest rate of 9.5 per cent and matured in 10 years, which was when the business's transmission contract expired.

The disadvantages to the holders of junk bonds are several. The borrower can often repay the amount raised on them after five years, should a refinancing at more favourable rates become possible. Banks providing the senior debt have fixed repayment schedules, over periods of perhaps five to seven years. But bondholders are locked in for 12 years or more.

Tom Attwood, managing director of Intermediate Capital Group, which provides mezzanine financing, says the use of junk bonds in buyouts will always be limited by the small number of deals of the right size. Any buyout worth less than $100 million is unlikely to require sufficent bonds to create a sufficiently liquid market.

"There have been approaching 300 transactions capable of sustaining mezzanine around Europe," he says. "There have been only 15 to 20 capable of sustaining high-yield bonds."

But the corporate refocusing that has been a feature of the past couple of years, with companies such as BTR spinning off quite sizeable non-core businesses, is providing additional opportunities. Meanwhile, low returns on other sorts of investments such as equities have created an appetite among investors for higher yields elsewhere. "The investment banks are certainly marketing very aggressively, and the number of transactions has increased. There will be considerably more high-yield bonds coming through this year," says Mr Attwood. As two examples, the financing of the £470 million buyout of the Welcome Break motorway chain from Granada, backed by Investcorp, has yet to be announced, but it is expected to involve a junk bond backed by the cashflow from the restaurants.

Likewise the £1 billion purchase of the French and British private hospitals owned by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the French utilities group, will also require bond financing. The common link between the two is Bankers Trust, the American investment bank which is handling the fund-raising for both.

Not everyone is a fan. TeleWest, the cable TV company whose chief executive is Stephen Davidson, was forced to abandon plans to raise $300 million of junk bond debt when this caused a run on the share price. The company is now thinking about merging with Cable & Wireless Communications.

Gordon Bonnyman, managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital, used a high-yield bond to help to finance last October's purchase from Inchcape of its testing services business for £380 million, a deal that also involved Bankers Trust.

He says the danger of junk bonds is where the availability of such easy funds pushes up the price and requires too great a proportion of the buyout to be financed by debt.

"It's a relatively user-friendly sort of finance. But it is borrowing, and if you decide that you are going to use more borrowing for a business and add to the interest load, there may be some companies that are appropriate for that, by virtue of their predictability, market position and so on. The temptation is to take that rate and slap it on the next deal coming along."

Mr Attwood does not believe that the return of the high-yield bond has yet pushed up to dangerous levels the proportion of debt being taken on in buyouts. "The level of gearing in the UK in particular buyouts hasn't reached the same level that it did in the late 1980s and 1990. The sort of people that we're dealing with are much, much more experienced, and learned a great deal from last time."

A buyout might require a third of its funding from the suppliers of equity, the venture capital house, and two thirds from debt. Within this total should be cash from junk bonds, says Mr Bonnyman, yet this is not always recognised. "I don't distinguish junk bonds from bank debt. Debt is debt . . . and there comes a day of reckoning."

Crossed tracks

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GRAND METROPOLITAN shareholders are a pretty supine bunch, so they are unlikely to make much fuss about the £600,000-odd handed to Gerald Corbett, the departed finance director who is about *this* far from becoming the highly paid chief executive of Railtrack.

But the headhunters hired by Railtrack were talking to Corbett soon after it became clear he would be forced out by the merger with Guinness, so he was well advanced in talks about a new job when his two-year rolling contract was paid off in compensation for losing his old one. So it goes.

There is still the question of his relationship with Sir Bob Horton, his new chairman. The company is about to take over from the unlamented British Gas as the business most reviled by its regulator, and fair game for attack by any government minister so minded. Sir Bob's combative style might not make him the best person to accept this with the stoicism the situation requires. Corbett's bluff geniality is better suited, if he can control his tendency to make cynical wisecracks at times of crisis. Expect Sir Bob to take more of a back seat, and possibly even step down entirely now the knighthood has come through.

"I'd like to table a bid for John West on behalf of an anonymous bidder"

● *DON'T ask why, but a collection of historical answers to the "Why did the chicken cross the road" joke reaches me. (Example. Torquemada: "Give me ten minutes with the chicken and I'll find out.") It purports to include one from a well-known management consultant, and begins: "Deregulation of the chicken's side of the road was threatening its dominant market position. The chicken was faced with significant challenges to create and develop the competencies required for the newly competitive market. Andersen Consulting, in a partnering relationship with the client, helped the chicken by rethinking its physical distribution strategy and implementation processes..."*

Grand hotel

NEWS of Ashley Levett, one of the traders at the centre of the Sumitomo copper scandal. *Caterer & Hotelkeeper* reveals that Levett, coyly described as a "Winchester businessman", has taken a half stake in a fledgling hotel company based in Winchester. Levett, whose leisure interests already include Richmond Rugby Club, was an investor in the company's first property, the fashionable Hotel du Vin.

He is spending £2.5 million converting the Boatwright Calverley Hotel in Tunbridge Wells into a second Hotel du Vin. Further investment seems likely as the Alternative Hotel Company is expanded into a chain.

Touchdown

IN THE future, ownership of a football or rugby club will be a must for a successful businessman, rather like a spell at McKinsey used to be. Arriving as a 10 per cent shareholder at London Scottish rugby club is Sandy Anderson, a director of Stagecoach and one of the men who became very rich very suddenly when the latter bought the Porterbrook leasing business. Anderson tried to buy Nottingham Forest, but was pipped to the deal by Nigel Wray, the property enterpreneur, who also happens to own the Saracens rugby club.

● *THE ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE, the catamaran skippered by Tracy Edwards and sponsored by the insurance company, arrives home tonight after an unsuccessful bid to beat the transatlantic speed record. They ran into problems with icebergs in the North Atlantic. The all-female crew was only in New York long enough to catch one musical. Perhaps* The Titanic *was not the best choice of show.*

Investors' voice

SIR Andrew Large, the retiring head of the Securities and Investents Board, has used his last annual report to lambast the watchdog system and call for the views of private investors to be taken into account at the new super-SIB. Who might best represent their interests at the new body? How about Kenneth Jordan, leader of the Knight Williams action group of retired investors and a regular adversary for the Large regime at the SIB.

Any person fearless enough — or is it foolish enough? — to accuse Helen Liddell, the Treasury Minister, of giving "bland and misleading" answers to Parliament should prove up to the task of defending investors' interests. Is this the sort of nominee Sir Andrew was thinking of?

MARTIN WALLER

Sir Andrew Large lambasted the present regulatory system

WHOEVER SAID GENIUS WAS ITS OWN REWARD NEEDED A GOOD LAWYER

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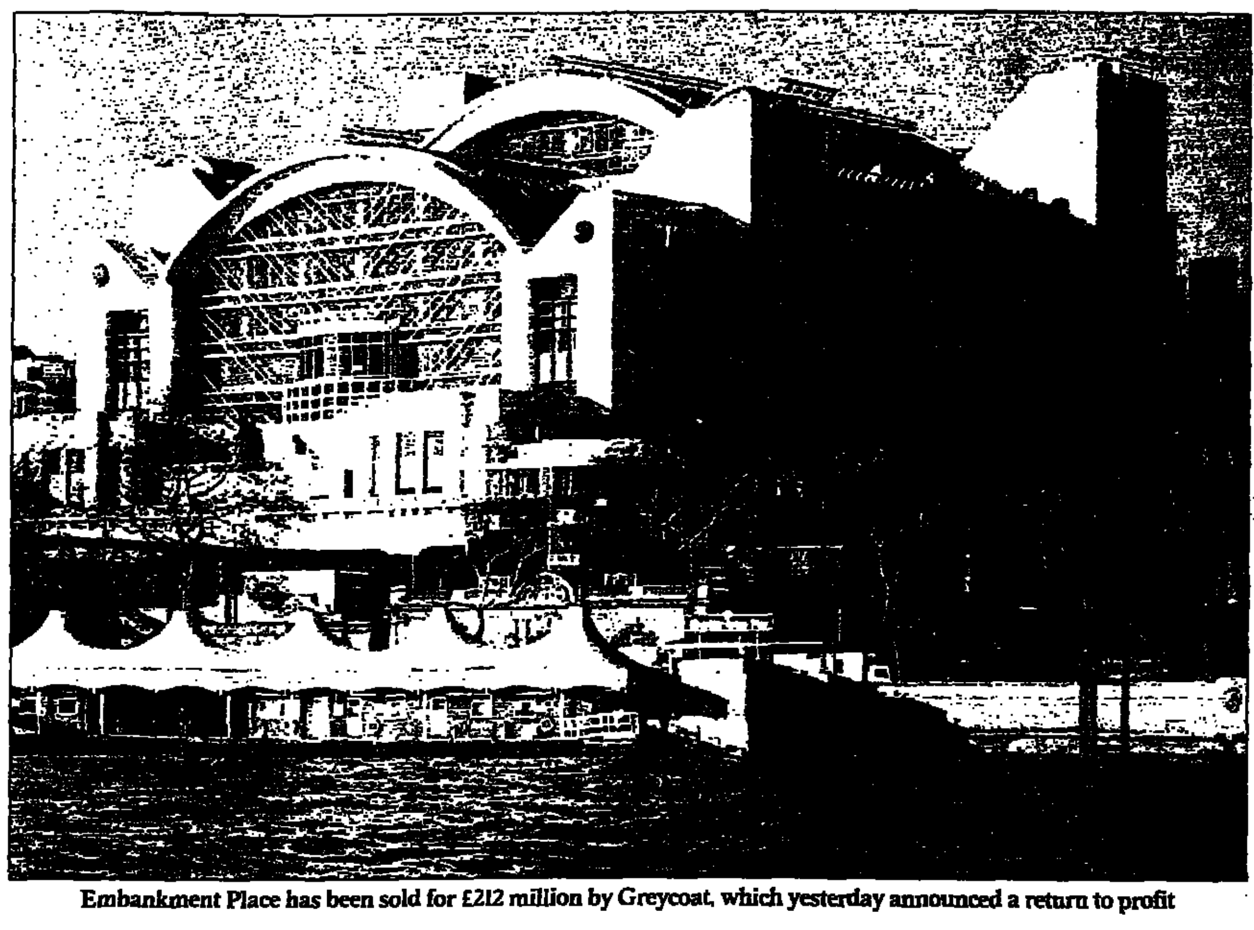
Greycoat plans £55m buyback as Sultan of Brunei buys site

By Carl Mortished



Embankment Place has been sold for £212 million by Greycoat, which yesterday announced a return to profit

GREYCOAT intends to buy back £55 million of its own shares following the sale of Embankment Place, its landmark office development at Charing Cross, to the Sultan of Brunei for a net price of £207.8 million.

Greycoat said that the entire equity in the office building would be returned to shareholders in an off-market one-for-four tender priced at 171p. Peter Thornton, managing director, said that the sale and share buyback would result in greater returns for shareholders from Greycoat's development programme. "Embankment Place had been diluting the return for shareholders," he said.

Greycoat yesterday unveiled pre-tax profits of £1.3 million for the year to March, up from a loss of £300,000. Adjusted earnings per share rose from 1.5p to 4.3p. Net asset value rose by 5p to 171p, including 4p from valuation surpluses.

Mr Thornton said that Embankment Place was sold on a 7.5 per cent yield. It is let to Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, at a rent of £45.50 per square foot, compared with an estimated current rental value of £33.50. Greycoat financed the building with loans of £141.5 million, which are to be repaid, and interest rate swaps, which set the cost of the debt at about 10.5 per cent.

Embankment Place is being sold at £212.5 million, slightly below its book value of £217 million, but the vendor has negotiated to keep capital allowances worth an extra £3 million. After sale costs, repayment of debt, and unwinding of interest rate swaps, Greycoat will have cash proceeds of £61 million, of which £55 million will be used to buy in shares.

Mr Thornton said the shares would be bought at the published net asset value of 171p. Greycoat said the buyback would be tax efficient because it would not incur advance corporation tax; Greycoat has big tax losses to use up, and so does not expect to pay mainstream corporation tax. However, Mr Thornton said Greycoat had plenty of uses for Embankment Place proceeds if shareholders do not take up the 171p offer. "We have to make the offer as we said we would give the proceeds back to shareholders, but I am hoping that most of them will not take it up," he said.

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FKI hopes to acquire Bridon this week

By Oliver August

BRIDON, the wire rope and lifting systems manufacturer, is in takeover talks with FKI, the engineering group.

FKI, whose hostile bid for Newman Tonks failed in January, has been negotiating with Bridon for the past week. James Newman, finance director of Bridon, said a deal could be announced before the weekend.

He said: "We are still negotiating but there is a possibility of an announcement in a few days if there are no problems." Asked if there were other suitors on the scene, Mr Newman said: "Not that we are aware of."

Bridon confirmed the talks in a Stock Exchange announcement, which could flush out other bidders.

Bridon is being advised by SBC Warburg. Its share price rose 29½p to 135½p, valuing the company at £100 million.

FKI, based in Halifax, announced its latest acquisition strategy two weeks ago in response to the failure of the £196 million Newman Tonks deal. The group said it wanted to spend between £100 million and £150 million by March.

Bob Beeston, chief executive, said FKI was looking for a number of bolt-on acquisitions rather than one large takeover. FKI indicated it was particularly interested in businesses that would strengthen its materials handling and hardware divisions, both of which are growing steadily.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

NationsBank to pay $1.2bn for brokerage

NATIONSBANK, of North Carolina, has agreed to buy Montgomery Securities for $1.2 billion, the latest example of the convergence of American banking and broking. The purchase of Montgomery, which is based in San Francisco, allows the fourth-largest US bank to enter the securities business, which is benefiting from a powerful bull market.

In the last two months BankAmerica agreed to buy Robertson, Stephens and Co., Swiss Bank Corp agreed to buy Dillon Read, and Bankers Trust purchased Alex Brown, the nation's oldest broker. Montgomery Securities, which is privately owned, had revenue of $705 million in its last financial year. It will retain "significant autonomy" after the merger, the companies said. Last year, Congress allowed banks to derive up to a quarter of their revenues from underwriting stocks and bonds. Further loosening of those laws is expected, which would lead to larger mergers. NationsBank has assets of $239 billion.

Beale beats disruption

BEALE, the department store operator, overcame the disruption caused by its refurbishment programme to lift its pre-tax profits to £2.56 million, from £2.36 million, at the halfway stage. The company said that building work at its Southport store slowed sales in the 26 weeks to May 31, but that this was partly offset by savings from bar code scanners, which have now been installed in three of its five stores. Earnings per share were 16.7p (15.4p) and the dividend rises to 3p (2.55p), with a final 3p due on October 6.

Flats profit for Compco

COMPCO HOLDINGS, the housing estate owner, made a £1.26 million profit on the sale of blocks of flats to Camden Council at almost five times the price it bought them for 18 months ago. The company said the council agreed to buy back the flats for £1.62 million after realising that repair and maintenance would cost around £10 million. The company made a pre-tax profit of £2.82 million (£2.07 million) for the year to March 25. Earnings per share rose to 9.15p (7.4p). A final dividend of 3.24p, due September 2, makes a 3.74p total.

Bath Press ahead

BATH PRESS GROUP, the book manufacturing company, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.5 million, from £2.9 million in the year to March 31, on turnover that increased to £57.5 million from £35.8 million. Earnings rose to 2.27p a share from 1.63p. A final dividend of 0.35p a share lifts the total to 0.51p from 0.43p. Profits were helped by a maiden contribution from Proost, a European book manufacturer based in Belgium, acquired in July last year for £7.3 million.

Lorien to buy PDN

LORIEN, the computer services group, is to buy PDN, a rival computer staff provider, for up to £2 million. The deal, Lorien's fifth since joining the Alternative Investment Market two years ago, should add £1.8 million to sales in its first year. Lorien has also completed an earn-out deal with Arena Resources ahead of schedule, and will pay the final £1.39 million for the computer staff contracting company, making total consideration £4 million. The shares held at 323½p.

Underwriting boost at Hiscox Select fund

By Adam Jones

MAIDEN underwriting profits have boosted the final dividend at Hiscox Select Insurance Fund to 8.7p.

In the 15 months to March 31, the Lloyd's of London spread vehicle earned a total profit of £7.5 million before tax, compared with £4.4 million in the previous year.

Underwriting returns in 1994, which have only now been released, were equivalent to 10.1 per cent of capacity after fees and expenses.

A return of 7 per cent to 10 per cent is expected for 1995, with a deterioration likely in 1996.

Hiscox Select, one of the smallest vehicles in the Lloyd's market, said that a conversion scheme for limited liability names would give the fund an increase in its capacity of up to £68 million.

The total dividend of 11.3p for the 15-month period compares with 2.4p for the previous 12 months. The final dividend will be payable on August 29.

Abbey bank in Safeway store

ABBEY NATIONAL and Safeway are to extend their partnership by testing an in-store bank (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The groups teamed up last year to enter the retail financial services market and in March launched the ABC Bonus Account, a debit account. Unlike Sainsbury and Tesco, Safeway has stopped short of launching its own bank.

The in-store Abbey National branch will open at Safeway's new Leicester store on July 15. During the 12-month trial it will provide self-service functions in shop hours.

Heinz nets John West

By Sarah Cunningham

JOHN WEST, the company best known for its tinned pink salmon, has been sold by Unilever to Heinz.

John West, based in Liverpool, employs 88 people and had sales of £150 million last year. The sale price has not been disclosed.

Unilever said it was selling the company because the John West range of canned fish and other products "are no longer considered priority categories".

Unilever has been steadily selling its non-core or underperforming businesses. Last month it sold its German Nordsee fish business for £200 million to Apax Partners and, before that, its huge speciality chemicals business to ICI for £5 billion.

It said yesterday that a company dedicated to canned foods, such as Heinz, would be better able to develop the business.

The John West operations in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa — considered integral divisions of larger food businesses — will remain part of Unilever.

Heinz will now spend the next few weeks reviewing its new acquisition to see how it can be integrated into its other canned food businesses.

The John West product line will form part of the European grocery business of Heinz.

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Now small firms can benefit from PC banking

BY RODNEY HOBSON

BANKING through a personal computer has arrived for even the smallest businesses. Barclays Bank this week launched a full PC banking service for small businesses, Royal Bank of Scotland has introduced Royline Account Master and NatWest Bank has been running trials since last October.

PC banking, where companies can authorise payments, move money between accounts, check balances and find out which cheques have cleared, has been available for larger and medium-sized companies. The smallest companies, particularly sole traders, have found the programs too complex for their needs. Banks have held back because they wanted to be sure they had got the software right before introducing a service.

Barclays has been running trials with more than 800 sole traders in the North West and across the South of England since October. The system it is now offering comes on three 3½in disks for use on Windows. There is a £30 initial fee, including the software, and an annual service fee of £30.

Mike Davis, small business services director at Barclays, says: "Small businesses are increasingly asking for the ability to carry out simple banking services from the convenience of their home or business location. With two out of three small businesses using a computer, PC banking will have great appeal."

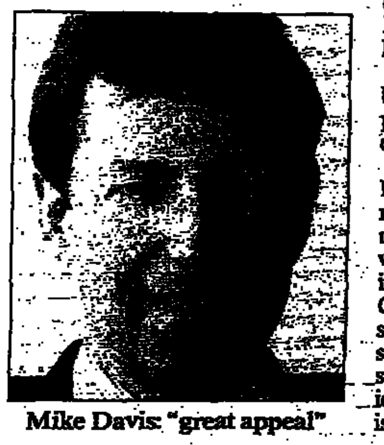
Barclays says that 1,500 organisations, including the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, credit card issuers, utilities and local authorities have agreed to accept payment direct from personal computers linked to bank accounts. Customers can ask Barclays to approach their suppliers and ask them to be added to the list.

PC banking customers will call up the program on their screens and give instructions before dialling the bank through their modem. Items such as a request for the electricity bill to be paid will be sent down the line to the bank and information such as the latest bank balance will be loaded on to the PC in seconds. Information is stored on the hard disk until the user deletes it.

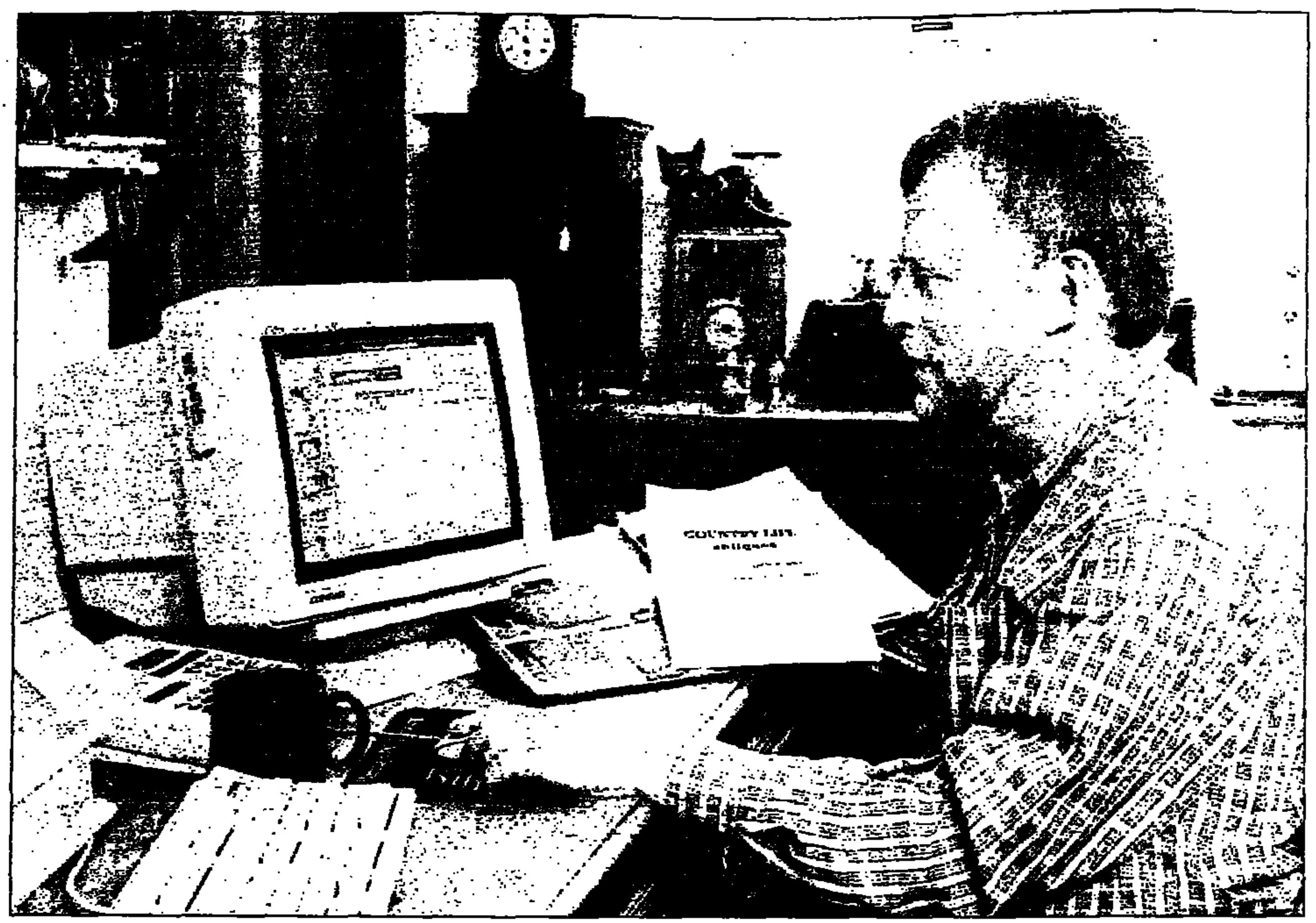
The Royal Bank of Scotland system is aimed at companies with up to five UK bank accounts and making up to 300 transactions a month, including up to 50 payments to any UK bank or building society. The Royline Account Master costs £10 a month plus individual payment charges. The more powerful Royline for Windows is available for larger companies.

National Westminster Bank has been piloting a system with 1,500 personal and 500 small business customers since October.

Midland Bank has introduced its Hexagon PC banking system for medium-sized businesses but is unlikely to roll out a simplified version for the smallest companies in the next few months. Mike Conroy, manager of small business services, says: "Our market research produced quite mixed responses. Some companies like the idea of PC banking but others say it is easier to use telephone banking."



Mike Davis: "great appeal"



"The bank manager occasionally wonders if I am still alive and comes out to see me," says Peter Myers, who appreciates the PC system

From olde worlde to high tech

Rodney Hobson meets an antiques dealer who runs his business on strict principles

Country Life Antiques at Bushey, Hertfordshire, made an interesting case study for the Barclays PC banking trial, bringing an "olde worlde" business into the realms of high technology. Peter Myers, the owner who set it up 15 years ago, says: "Whatever line you are in, you still have to have some control over your business."

Mr Myers was the director of a large employment agency in London. He says: "They were closing branches and making people redundant. I felt they were operating wrongly. If they had a branch with three people and business was slack, they cut the staff to two. That only guarantees the demise of the branch. You just produce a two-man business instead of a three-man business.

"Staff turnover was very high and service, already poor, suffered further. I was getting really obsessed. Meetings were claustrophobic. I realised I was doing a job I did not really want." Mr Myers felt he spent too much time making staff redundant. It was something of a relief when the axe finally fell on him, although, with two small children at the time, he spent four worrying months at home in the depths of the 1982 recession.

Mr Myers was not an expert in antiques, apart from antique pine, when he started up the business. He bought some antique pine furniture from Lincolnshire that had been used below stairs in Victorian times.

He says: "That kind of furniture was on sale only in trendy parts of London such as Camden. I felt I could take advantage of an untapped need. A shop selling antiques and china became available in Bushey. Although it was a big change from what I had been doing, all businesses are based on pretty much the same business methods, so I bought it." When he set up in business he decided to follow his own philosophy. That was important as he gradually built up his staff to three.

He says: "I felt I had got to stick to my own principles on the way staff were treated. When trade is quiet I don't just chuck everyone out. I didn't want mine to be a typical antique shop with one person out the back looking bored."

Sometimes a customer would like a piece of furniture but it was the wrong size. To keep trade rolling, Mr Myers found suppliers who would make reproduction furniture to measure using old wood. This now comprises about half the business.

He also kept a careful note of customers who had expressed an interest in particular items and rang them when something suitable came into stock. Mr Myers banked with Barclays from the start as he knew the manager of the bank's Marble Arch business centre from his days at the employment agency. His advice to small businesses that need to borrow money is to bank at a large branch that is used to handling large loans.

One reason why PC banking is useful to him is because he never visits the branch. He says: "Occasionally the manager wonders if I am still alive and comes out to see me. With a small business the main problem is cashflow. In my business I have got to pay up front on delivery and it can be several weeks before a customer pays for it.

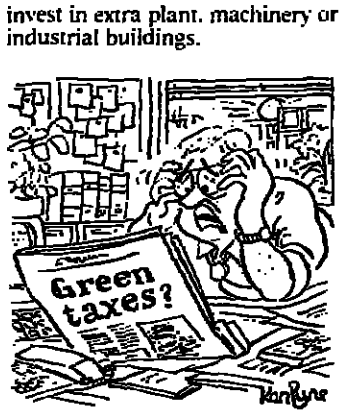
"Although we keep a tight control on finances the only time we really knew where we stood was when we got the monthly bank statement. Now each evening I can check how much money we have and who has and hasn't paid. I haven't been to a meeting for 15 years and I don't have to justify myself to anyone."

Last chance to beat the Budget

ONLY hours remain for small business owners to take evasive action before Gordon Brown's first Budget tomorrow (Rodney Hobson writes).

While small business organisations have been appealing to the Chancellor to leave owner-managers unscathed, some measures are likely to be painful. Neville Russell, the chartered accountancy firm, has produced a hitlist:

- **Bonuses to staff and directors.** While one of Labour's key manifesto pledges was to hold income tax rates steady, there was no similar guarantee for national insurance contributions. Bringing planned bonuses forward could avoid having to make additional National Insurance payments.
- **High profits.** If the company is doing particularly well it may be worth ending the accounting period just before or after the Budget in case the tax rate for companies is increased.
- **Pensions.** Business owners should consider topping up their contributions to personal pensions in case tax relief on future contributions is limited to the lower rate of tax.
- **Advance corporation tax.** Protect the current level of credit on dividends by bringing forward any payouts you intend to make.
- **Capital gains tax.** Labour is considering the introduction of a two-tier capital gains tax system where assets sold after a long period of time are treated more leniently. It may be worth delaying the sale of any long-held assets until after the Budget.
- **Capital expenditure.** It may be worth delaying major items in case Mr Brown introduces generous allowances for businesses that invest in extra plant, machinery or industrial buildings.



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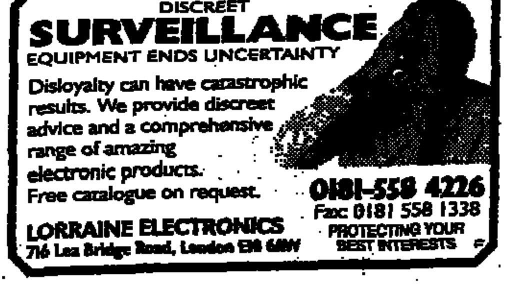
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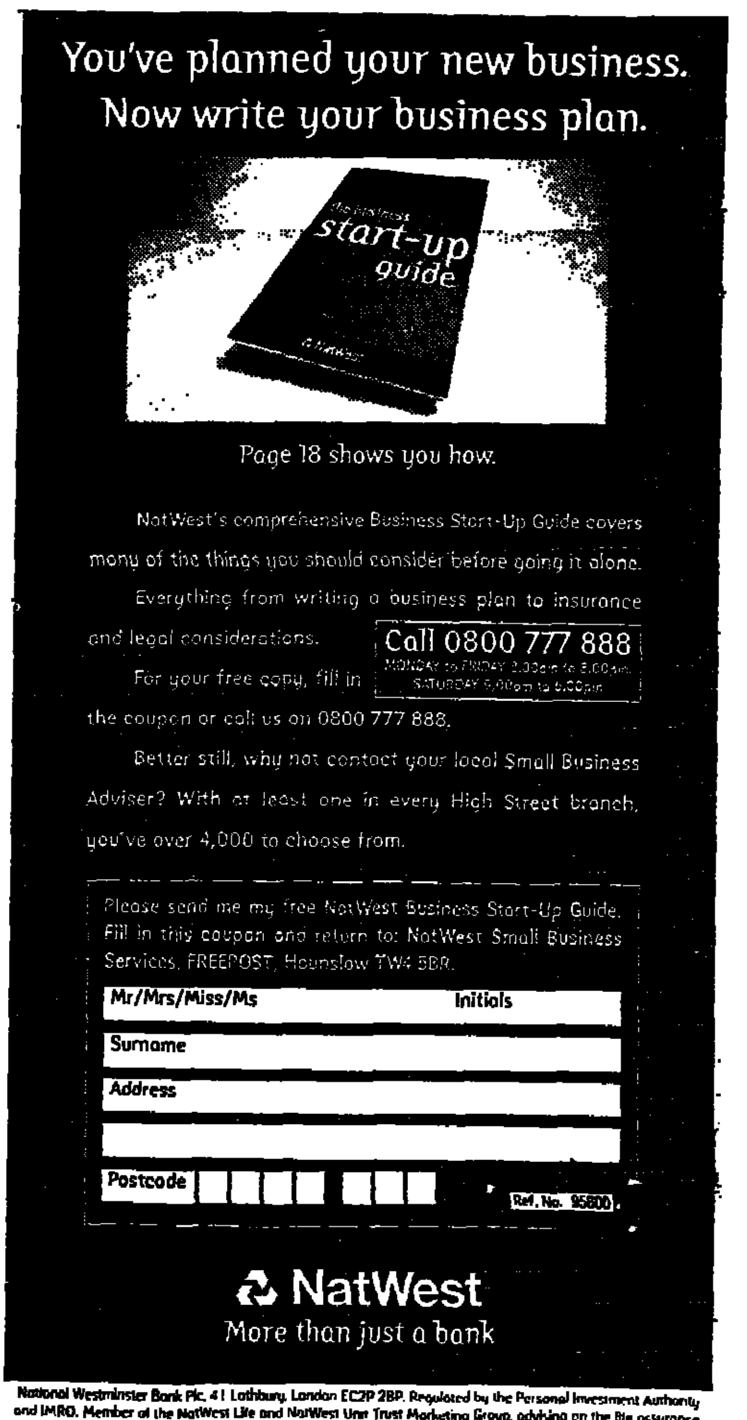
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
For NB see Cowes (John)				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	764.30	813.10	- 0.10	2.31
General Inc	653.10	673.60	- 0.10	2.31
UK Growth Acc	530.10	564.00	- 0.10	2.29
UK Growth Inc	332.90	350.60	- 0.10	2.29
Higher Inc Acc	527.20	586.40	- 1.40	3.90
Higher Inc Inc	490.30	517.40	- 0.70	3.90
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	220.90	233.30	- 0.10	5.48
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.33	99.62	- 0.07	5.46
Nth America	336.10	421.40	- 4.00	
Europe	425.00	453.38	- 2.48	
3rd Excel	105.20	112.00	- 1.20	2.46
3rd Frndly Acc	129.30	137.60	- 0.10	4.53
3rd Frndly Inc	85.33	90.79	- 0.11	4.53
Global Opps	113.60	120.30	+ 0.30	
Balanced Acc	70.03	74.50		2.12
Balanced Inc	64.71	68.85		2.12
Japan Acc	44.80	47.66	+ 0.38	
Pac Basin Acc	404.30	430.20	- 2.60	0.78
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	135.20	142.50	+ 0.20	6.40
High Inc Equity	206.80	220.00	- 2.60	4.41
Worldwide Bond	267.50	285.70	- 0.40	3.52
American Growth	467.00	499.70	- 4.30	0.33
Asian Pacific	352.20	374.70	- 10.00	0.37
Assets & Earnings	320.80	343.10	- 0.50	2.73
Euro Capital Acc	231.40	245.20	- 0.10	0.81
Extra Inc	43.61	46.39	+ 0.06	8.47
General	296.30	315.20	- 1.10	2.32
Global Opps	80.52	86.09	- 0.14	0.46
Japan	106.80	113.60	- 1.00	
Managed Inc	50.21	53.95	+ 0.10	4.17
Mastertrust	189.90	202.00	+ 1.70	1.70
US Emerging Cos	191.10	203.30	- 3.10	
Ethical	83.65	88.99	+ 0.27	2.06
International	151.40	161.10	- 0.60	0.54
Dividend & Growth	75.78	80.62	- 0.25	4.17
Global Gwth & Sec	76.90	82.09	0.04	2.46
Latin America	93.49	99.46	- 0.17	0.39
Capital Reserve	149.30	149.40		4.68
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	102.80	109.30	- 0.10	2.06
Equity Income	144.30	153.50	- 0.40	3.93
Extra Income	280.70	298.60	- 0.20	6.06
Smaller Cos	104.90	111.50	- 0.20	1.58
International	128.30	136.40	- 0.40	1.32
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2403.00	2510.00		
ASTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	70.83	73.69	+ 0.49	
Emerging Mkts	82.35	85.73	+ 2.20	0.10
European	166.85	174.58	- 0.36	
Extra Income #	53.09	55.85	- 0.39	5.49
Far East Emg Eco	130.84	137.22	+ 2.55	0.52
Fixed Interest #	26.51	27.57	+ 0.01	8.51
Fund Inv Tst #	168.83	177.15	- 0.16	8.72
Japan	194.71	191.89	+ 3.16	
Latin American	78.95	82.58	- 0.13	
Pacific	83.95	88.11	+ 1.07	0.29
Property Share	83.48	87.60	+ 1.37	1.90
UK Emerging Cos	69.92	75.43	- 0.64	1.50
UK Growth	62.08	65.54	- 0.11	1.83
Aber World Port #	88.59	93.48	+ 0.49	2.52
Ethical	83.25	86.57	- 0.19	1.16
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.36	50.36	- 0.02	6.39
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Aircraft Propert. #	101.90	108.40		5.24
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	99.42	105.49	+ 0.09	2.01
Income Builder Inc	86.76	92.30	- 0.19	3.92
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	320.90	342.90	- 1.50	2.94
Capital	558.00	596.40	- 3.40	1.05
Balanced	928.50	992.50	- 5.40	2.46
Accumulator	1807.00	1931.00	- 11.00	1.62
Income Trusts				
American Income	74.59	79.51	- 0.41	2.04
High Income	519.30	554.90	- 3.50	3.85
Equity Income	288.20	309.10	- 7.50	3.58
High Yield	312.70	333.60	- 2.00	3.79
Govt Securities	35.68	37.67	- 0.18	5.51
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	250.10	266.30	- 0.90	0.04
European Growth	67.11	71.55	- 0.48	0.06
International	210.40	224.60	- 0.80	0.10
Japan	194.80	208.20	+ 0.70	
Pacific	429.40	459.00	- 0.70	
Sect of America	679.60	724.20	- 2.30	0.11
Worldw Asset Val	60.58	64.65	- 0.23	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	720.90	770.50	- 3.50	1.77
Cmts & Gilt	54.13	57.86	- 0.30	3.66
Smaller Cos	202.20	216.10	0.30	1.06
2nd Smaller Cos	191.40	204.60	- 0.30	0.76
Recovery	182.60	195.10	- 0.90	1.23
Met Mn & Cdty	150.10	160.40	- 1.10	0.19
Overs Emerg.	475.40	508.20	- 3.20	0.95
Technology	246.00	262.90	- 1.60	
UK Special Sits	637.10	681.00	4.00	1.57
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnstrctn Ind Pens	134.30	139.50		
Foundtn Persl Ports	78.29	81.33	- 1.11	
For BGI-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	401.60	427.50	+ 4.70	
Bond	124.30	130.80	- 0.40	6.39
2nd Small Cos	111.20	118.30	- 0.30	1.87
Com & Gen #	65.80	70.00	- 0.03	5.52
Europe	343.90	365.00	- 1.60	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	130.10	138.60	+ 0.20	0.31
Income Gwth	386.80	411.50	- 2.00	4.23
Japan	330.10	350.50	+ 1.10	
Latin American	117.90	124.43	+ 0.50	0.50
Pacific	126.90	135.90	+ 0.70	0.50
UK Smllr Cos	58.62	62.36	+ 0.17	1.28
Japan Fd	633.70	652.40	+ 1.80	
Mngd Fd	227.90	242.70	+ 0.60	2.55
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Gnt & Dvlps	427.10	451.70	- 0.60	0.78
Capital Gwth	148.00	156.50	+ 0.20	2.67
Wrldwide Opps	250.40	264.80		0.83
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	477.70	508.20	+ 0.70	1.95
Eurozone Bd Inc	100.10	103.80		5.66
Exempt	94.59	100.50	+ 0.10	2.49
500	497.00	534.40	- 0.50	2.15
General	365.90	389.20	+ 0.60	2.06
Property	259.00	276.30		5.51
Trustee	257.70	274.20	+ 0.30	2.03
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00	- 1.10	5.96
Distribution #	119.15	119.70	+ 0.20	5.55
Extra Income #	154.60	164.90	- 0.40	4.45
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.05	62.34	- 0.25	7.45
Income #	659.00	701.30	- 1.50	4.39
Income Builder #	75.18	80.07	- 0.06	5.02
Intl Income	80.47	85.56	- 0.25	1.35
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	161.90	172.20	+ 0.10	1.93
FTSE 100	118.20	125.50	- 0.30	2.36
Leisure	179.80	190.80		1.62
Recovery	559.10	586.40	- 0.70	2.00
Smllr Cos Inc	58.74	62.65	- 0.01	2.52
Special Sits	463.00	492.60	- 0.80	1.95
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	211.80	224.10	- 1.70	0.20
F East Gwth Acc	325.00	345.70	+ 1.50	0.32
Far East Gwth	192.50	204.80	- 0.90	0.32
Euro Gwth Inc	225.20	239.40	- 0.70	0.55
-do- Accum	245.00	259.30	- 0.60	0.55
Japan	132.80	141.00	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	134.30	142.70	+ 1.00	
Japan Spec Sits	63.36	67.14	+ 0.36	
Worldwide	222.50	236.60	+ 0.30	0.67
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	164.80	174.40	- 1.70	
Amer Smllr Cos	153.40	163.00	- 1.20	
Eastern	205.10	227.70	+ 2.20	0.30
Equity Income #	111.70	118.70	- 0.40	4.20
European Select	433.60	460.66	- 1.20	0.46
Europe	417.70	444.80		0.80
German Growth	107.49	113.60	+ 2.30	0.50
Global Bond	72.30	76.15	+ 0.22	6.20
Global Growth	163.30	173.30	- 0.60	0.40
Japan Growth	184.20	195.30	- 0.30	
Japan Smlrs	126.40	133.85	- 0.70	
Korea Trust	24.19	25.77	- 1.13	
Portfolio	162.50	173.00	- 2.20	2.00
-do- Accum	309.80	330.60	- 0.20	2.00
UK Growth	113.30	127.90	- 0.30	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	102.50	111.20	+ 0.10	1.90
Select Managers	95.05	101.90	+ 0.10	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Ltd Gwth Port Inc	104.10	110.79		
Special Opps Inc	70.67	75.18		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 222 6020				
Balanced Growth	167.00	179.96	- 0.37	1.32
-do- Accum	190.44	203.59	- 0.43	1.32
Smaller Cos	171.55	178.71	0.32	0.37
Higher Yield #	62.37	65.49	- 0.58	3.97
American Gth Inc	119.41	124.33	- 1.32	
European Growth	196.50	204.63	1.05	
-do- Accum	196.71	209.67	1.07	
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	50.60	63.12	- 0.18	1.25
-do- Accum	63.20	65.84	+ 0.19	1.25
Int Spec Gwth	181.54	192.52	+ 0.57	
Pacific Gth	164.96	176.04	+ 1.57	
UK General #	111.71	115.36	- 0.29	2.85
-do- Accum #	112.03	129.55	- 0.32	2.85
Japan	55.26	57.58	- 0.32	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	124.44	129.22	- 0.47	7.83
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Strlt Dated Gilt	64.89	65.72	- 0.07	6.31
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Ecotrst	196.50	207.10	- 0.10	1.93
UK Growth	242.10	254.30	- 3.40	2.02
UK Income	164.72	173.40	+ 0.30	4.12
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	259.50	275.00		1.44
-do- Income Acc	139.30	148.30		3.37
-do- Accum	465.50	493.20		3.37
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.37	44.51	- 0.07	6.11
Growth Units	295.70	311.10	- 0.10	1.69
Bond	132.40	137.70	- 0.50	6.40
US Growth	258.60	275.90	+ 1.10	0.17
North American	282.30	300.00	+ 3.20	0.09
Far East	357.30	379.90	- 1.20	0.97
UK Smaller Cos	237.50	254.00	- 0.30	1.13
European	110.00	116.90	0.59	0.45
Japanese Growth	42.42	45.37	+ 0.42	
High Income	246.50	262.50		3.86
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 837 7455				
American & Gen	251.50	265.70	+ 3.00	
European Inc	112.50	121.40	- 0.20	0.12
Smaller Cos Inc	110.50	116.20	- 2.20	1.77
Growth	614.10	653.30	- 0.82	1.93
Income & Growth #	496.70	549.70	- 0.07	3.59
-do- Accum #	798.40	903.00	- 1.20	3.59
Japan & Gen	63.54	67.34	- 0.61	
National Gwth	1377.00	1439.00	- 1.05	1.64
-do- Accum	1759.00	1731.00	- 1.00	1.64
Special Sits	142.40	151.50	- 0.13	1.53
High Yield	1652.00	1704.00	- 2.00	4.08
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	117.43	117.96	- 0.09	2.09
American Portfolio	144.77	152.71	- 0.60	0.93
European Portfolio	155.37	165.23	- 0.53	0.42

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	161.28	173.43	- 0.92	0.76
UK Equity	105.62	112.90	- 0.75	2.96
UK Equity & Bd	62.09	66.82	- 0.02	5.38
UK Smll Cos	51.98	55.60	+ 0.02	1.71
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	849.50	882.34		4.01
Inv Fd Acc	860.42	873.42		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	158.14	158.78		9.07
Fxd Int Sec Acc	161.75	162.39		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	858.95	871.93		3.97
Investment Acc	4051.38	4112.60		
Fixed Int Inc	131.46	131.98		8.79
Fixed Int Acc	258.07	261.07		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	88.30	93.07		5.38
Beck Bio-Tech	38.17	41.44		
Accm Ethical Tst	193.53	203.22		0.42
City Fin Assets	83.57	87.76	+ 1.01	1.69
City Fin Intl	95.11	99.87		0.06
Frans Hse Cap	335.13	358.52	+ 2.26	2.23
Buckley Wrld Gth	151.12	160.19		
Shaw Utilities	69.37	70.93	- 0.16	4.91
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	64.34	68.76	+ 0.52	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	91.08	96.89	+ 0.54	
Dragon Growth	75.42	80.66	+ 0.17	0.24
Equity High Inc	101.83	107.75	- 0.15	3.56
-do- Accum	150.84	159.61	- 0.23	3.55
Extra Income Inc	27.94	29.42	- 0.10	6.66
Extra Income Acc	31.64	33.31	+ 0.11	6.66
European Gwth	77.37	81.87	- 0.33	0.06
Evergreen	33.02	35.51	- 0.08	
General Equity	120.01	126.66	+ 0.09	2.97
Japan Growth	45.39	48.29	+ 0.26	
Pedigree Gwth	70.88	75.00	- 0.07	2.41
Pref Sm Cos Inc	39.10	41.38	+ 0.04	1.38
-do- Accum	41.88	44.32	+ 0.05	1.38
Retirement Inc #	30.92	32.89	+ 0.01	5.60
Special Sits	51.37	55.24	+ 0.21	2.99
UK & Overseas	69.16	73.19	+ 0.14	0.68
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 800				
Balanced	77.22	80.43	+ 0.15	3.84
Capital	92.67	96.53	+ 0.20	2.28
High Income	54.48	56.74	+ 0.17	6.52
Top 50	65.16	67.89	- 0.03	2.37
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	204.79	213.35	+ 0.02	4.52
Long Gilt	46.48	48.40	- 0.55	5.79
Monthly Inc Plus	53.49	55.72	- 0.16	8.04
Preference Share	52.25	54.43	- 0.38	7.16
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	151.06	157.36	- 1.51	5.69
Managed Fund	83.53	87.02	+ 0.19	2.80
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.69	53.85	- 0.01	1.58
-do- Accum	61.82	64.40	- 0.01	1.58
UK & General	109.70	114.28	- 0.11	2.46
-do- Accum	145.43	151.51	- 0.12	2.46
UK Growth	219.14	228.29	+ 0.54	1.72
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	253.03	263.60	- 0.97	0.51
Far Eastern Gth	140.49	146.36	+ 0.92	0.02
Global Bond	73.07	76.12	+ 0.08	6.75
Japan Growth	110.95	115.58	+ 0.97	
North Amer Gth	282.71	294.52	+ 1.99	
Oriental Growth	88.90	92.61	+ 0.45	0.25
Worldwide Growth	81.44	84.84	+ 0.17	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.48	92.48	+ 0.03	5.70
Homemaker Fund	99.98	106.37	- 0.18	2.03
Quilter Fund	169.65	180.50	- 0.34	1.99
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.00	40.59		3.89
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	192.40	204.70	+ 0.30	1.82
Income	78.09	83.07	- 0.03	4.37
European	88.55	94.20	- 0.62	0.17
Recovery	180.30	191.80	- 0.30	2.32
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1104.80	1132.30		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	113.40	120.60		1.13
Income #	304.60	324.20	- 0.40	4.24
-do- Accum #	829.00	881.90	- 1.10	4.24
Smaller Cos	225.00	239.30	- 0.60	1.00
-do- Accum	281.10	299.00	- 0.70	1.00
Gilt Portfolio	107.40	114.20	- 0.20	1.25
High Inc Port #	90.19	95.94	- 0.01	4.35
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1784.40	1805.50	- 4.30	
UK Small Cos	2210.50	2302.10	+ 1.60	2.98
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	237.60	246.00		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	192.40	204.60	+ 0.10	1.58
UK High Inc Inc	202.10	215.00	+ 0.20	3.31
-do- Accum	281.80	295.70	+ 0.30	3.31
UK Pref & F I Inc	61.47	65.35	+ 0.14	5.66
Environmntl Opps	112.80	120.00	+ 0.10	0.93
UK Smlr Cos #	71.61	76.18	- 0.28	0.88
Extra Income Inc	52.96	56.34	+ 0.14	6.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 520				
Convertibles #	23.34	24.80	- 0.02	5.65
Enterprise	117.90	125.00		2.00
Equity Income #	155.10	164.80	+ 0.40	0.61
European	73.27	77.57	+ 0.07	
Financial	66.23	70.37	- 0.12	1.42
Growth & Inc #	317.50	337.30	+ 0.80	2.59
High Dist #	196.30	208.60	- 0.30	4.07
International	467.30	496.50	+ 0.60	0.20
Int Cap Inc	118.90	126.90	+ 0.30	2.13
Latin American	41.32	43.90	- 0.39	
Pacific	86.87	92.30	+ 0.06	
Pref High Inc	23.76	25.25	- 0.01	7.13
Tokyo	210.70	222.70	+ 1.00	
UK Smaller Cos	257.30	273.40	+ 9.30	1.10
Dundee Unit Trusts				
Japan Sm Cos	361.10	382.60	- 0.70	
Nth Amer	495.30	524.40	- 2.10	0.56
UK Inc & Gth	282.30	301.20	+ 0.60	2.46
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	125.32	134.03	- 0.70	0.96
Growth Acc	306.64	326.79	- 0.15	0.59
Income	615.42	655.42	- 2.47	6.06
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	250.50	266.50		1.02
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	106.77	112.33	- 1.70	1.49
Ethical Tst	52.41	55.77	+ 0.18	0.74
Far Eastern	319.06	334.80	- 0.76	1.49
High Income	154.08	162.19	- 0.90	4.59
UK Index Trcking	60.06	63.22	- 0.35	2.38
Intl Growth	154.82	162.97	- 0.03	1.63
North American	172.36	181.42	- 1.01	1.71
Pelican	162.17	170.71	- 0.85	2.81
Smaller Cos	70.31	74.01	- 0.21	2.55
Special Sits	95.11	106.12	- 0.10	2.91
Tst of Inv Tsts	236.56	249.01	- 0.31	1.31
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	111.56	118.37	- 0.10	
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.13	60.62	- 0.06	0.48
High Income #	40.60	43.05	- 0.09	11.61
Asst & Gl Opps	50.07	53.84	- 0.01	
Zero Preference	46.98	49.85		
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01233 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	107.30	114.10	- 0.20	2.21
United Charities	332.30	353.40	- 0.90	1.45
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.30
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.44	27.41	+ 0.03	5.93
Strategic Inc	28.56	29.95	+ 0.05	5.69
Income Funds				
High Income	28.83	30.28	- 0.01	5.09
Income Plus	149.10	158.62	- 0.30	3.78
European Income	58.72	62.38		2.18
Moneybuilder Gwth	35.52	37.84	- 0.07	2.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	55.48	59.18	+ 0.34	
American	369.10	391.90	+ 3.10	
Amer Spec Sits	207.10	220.80	+ 2.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	27.23	28.95	+ 0.19	
European	273.50	290.50	- 0.70	0.47
European Opps	100.60	106.50	- 0.50	0.53
Global Pfm	37.77	39.53	- 0.08	0.42
UK Growth	138.30	147.10	- 0.10	1.33
Growth & Inc	202.00	214.80		2.22
Intl PEP	56.65	59.08	+ 0.12	0.93
Japan Spec Sits	80.95	85.65	+ 0.36	
Japan	181.00	191.90	+ 1.40	
Managed Intl	413.10	438.90	+ 1.80	0.61
Moneybuilder Pfm	72.52	77.18	+ 0.18	
Recovery	65.91	70.09	+ 0.04	1.95
South E Asia	198.90	213.00	- 0.60	0.91
Special Sits	804.10	855.00	- 1.00	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	119.80	119.80	- 0.04	5.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	155.50	167.70		1.65
Finsbury Prt Inc #	100.90	103.80	+ 0.10	6.36
Cap Ptflio	174.50	186.20	+ 0.60	0.09
General Opps	156.20	157.50		3.17
Growth Inc	42.61	43.04	- 0.06	1.72
Private Portfolio	522.45	537.00		1.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	172.00	182.70	- 2.20	
High Income	23.39	24.83	- 0.03	9.08
Japan Smr Cos	16.30	18.05	- 0.16	
US Smaller Cos	475.20	505.40	+ 5.90	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Guilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	86.37	91.62	+ 0.94	
-do- Accum	86.37	91.62	+ 0.94	
Amer Smlr Cos	694.60	749.50	+ 8.90	
-do- Accum	700.60	752.50	+ 9.10	
Capital Tst	408.10	429.30	- 7.50	1.26
-do- Accum	586.90	625.00	+ 11.20	1.26
Contl Smlr Cos	64.07	68.32	- 0.12	0.97
-do- Accum	68.79	73.36	- 0.13	0.97
Convertible	142.30	151.30	- 0.10	5.17
-do- Accum	322.00	342.60	- 0.40	5.17
Emerging Markets	73.49	84.83	+ 0.09	0.54
-do- Accum	80.72	85.80	+ 0.38	0.54
European	176.50	187.00	- 0.30	0.40
-do- Accum	187.70	198.80	- 0.30	0.40
Extra Income	429.40	456.80	+ 2.20	4.02
-do- Accum	692.40	735.60	+ 3.60	4.02
Financial	209.80	223.20	+ 0.40	0.94
-do- Accum	224.70	239.00	+ 0.40	0.94
Gilt Trust	63.58	65.50	+ 0.07	7.04

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	262.40	285.70	- 1.40	
Income & Growth	248.80	264.70	+ 0.60	4.08
-do- Accum	407.10	433.10	+ 1.00	4.08
Intl Growth	461.60	491.50	+ 1.50	
-do- Accum	512.50	545.70	+ 1.60	
Japan & Gen	165.10	175.20	+ 1.40	
-do- Accum	166.70	177.00	+ 1.40	
Monthly Inc #	215.90	230.70	- 0.10	4.26
-do- Accum #	222.40	236.60	- 0.20	4.26
Managed Port Inc	130.60	137.50	- 2.00	1.30
-do- Accum	143.70	151.30	+ 2.40	1.30
Quarterly Income #	59.58	63.85		5.07
-do- Accum #	70.39	75.42		5.07
Recovery	358.30	383.20	+ 6.40	
-do- Accum	423.00	452.40	+ 7.60	
UK Growth	72.52	77.15	- 0.16	1.79
-do- Accum	80.12	85.23	- 0.18	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 716836 Enq 01722 716834				
FP American	73.10	77.72	+ 0.69	
FP Am Smllr Cos	211.90	226.00	+ 3.00	
FP Asian Growth	301.10	321.10	+ 5.70	
FP Australian	469.50	500.60	+ 7.60	
FP Equity Dist	509.70	543.60	+ 0.50	2.10
-do- Accum	1150.00	1226.00	+ 1.00	2.10
FP Euro Gth	356.60	380.30	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	390.60	416.60	+ 0.20	
FP Intl Bond	55.32	59.17	+ 0.33	4.02
FP Intl Gth Dist	43.23	46.11	+ 0.49	
-do- Accum	63.50	67.73	+ 0.73	
FP Pac Basin Acc	237.00	252.80	+ 4.00	
FP Income #	64.68	68.99	+ 0.36	4.45
-do- Accum #	235.00	250.60	+ 3.40	4.45
FP Jap Smllr Cos	255.20	272.20	+ 4.40	
FP Monthly Dist #	81.47	86.90	+ 0.86	4.81
FP Stlg Deposit	101.00	101.00		5.12
FP Tokyo	79.40	84.69	+ 0.98	
FP UK Focus	48.26	51.47	+ 0.39	1.46
FP UK Growth	227.90	243.00	+ 1.70	1.72
-do- Accum	463.50	494.30	+ 3.40	1.72
Stewardship Dist	451.60	481.70	- 0.90	1.30
-do- Accum	574.50	612.80	1.10	1.30
Stewardship Inc Dist #	78.01	83.21	+ 0.03	4.82
-do- Accum #	110.10	117.40		4.82
N Am Stshp Dist	149.10	159.00	- 1.10	0.04
-do- Accum	160.50	171.10	- 1.20	0.04
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	113.60	114.10	- 0.10	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	114.80	115.30	- 0.10	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	142.98	152.00	+ 1.00	0.56
Open Cap Gth Acc	144.20	153.40	- 0.30	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	127.30	135.40	- 0.40	2.72
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	136.30	145.00	- 0.50	2.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	132.00	140.40	- 0.20	3.70
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	143.00	152.10	- 0.20	3.70
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	335.60	356.10	- 0.60	1.62
Cash	49.56	50.30	- 0.01	4.53
Growth Portfolio	103.60	110.20	+ 0.10	
Income Portfolio	81.12	86.07	- 0.39	2.87
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	236.90	253.40	+ 1.80	0.51
Dividend	108.90	116.50	+ 0.10	3.86
Intl Gth & Inc	277.70	297.00	- 0.20	1.34
Uk & Gen	54.05	57.81	- 0.10	1.18
Fund of Funds	81.30	86.95	+ 0.05	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smll Cos	219.20	234.30	+ 3.60	0.14
European Gth	853.70	907.90	- 0.70	0.53
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	58.10	61.55	+ 0.16	3.88
-do- Accum	66.72	70.67	+ 0.17	3.88
High Yield #	52.51	55.48	+ 0.25	7.39
-do- Accum #	60.69	64.11	+ 0.28	7.39
Income Inc	213.70	228.60	+ 0.50	3.78
-do- Accum	248.20	265.50	+ 0.50	3.78
Intl Growth	412.50	437.70	+ 2.40	0.28
Intl Income	107.30	113.60	+ 0.90	2.08
Japan Growth	450.20	476.90	- 2.60	
Orient Acc	225.50	241.20	+ 1.20	0.12
UK General Inc	204.30	218.40	+ 0.50	1.60
UK General Acc	366.90	392.10	+ 0.90	1.60
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	62.16	66.49	- 0.26	1.75
UK Spec Sits	113.30	121.20	- 0.10	1.35
US Growth	216.90	229.30	- 2.80	
Wwide Spec Sits	173.50	184.40	+ 1.50	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	65.47	69.96	- 0.13	1.96
Practical Inv Inc #	134.83	144.20	- 0.71	3.34
-do- Accum #	327.70	350.48	- 1.73	3.34
UK Index	206.30	206.33	- 0.07	2.94
UK Smaller Cos	219.69	234.96	- 4.47	0.31
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.80	26.74	+ 0.08	6.94
High Income	38.51	41.09	- 0.09	4.14
UK Growth & Inc	177.85	190.18	- 0.31	2.51
Global Bond	27.56	28.57	+ 0.03	4.87
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	54.13	57.89	+ 0.21	
Global Managed	161.11	171.12	+ 0.95	1.13
Gold & Intl Res	106.52	113.93	+ 2.12	
Global Utilities	168.81	180.20		0.78
Overseas Funds				
American	231.09	244.65	+ 2.67	0.49
European	165.13	175.20	- 0.35	0.46
Euro Sel Opps	253.69	269.88	- 0.07	
Amer Emerging	182.98	194.88	+ 1.95	
Hong Kong	225.84	241.60	+ 0.71	0.71
Japan	215.32	229.78	+ 1.48	
Pacific Growth	238.34	256.14	+ 1.07	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	287.40	287.40	+ 0.11	1.70
Long Term Bal	304.33	304.33	+ 0.11	2.71
Med Term Bal	247.18	247.18	- 0.18	2.52
UK Equity	339.29	339.29	- 0.47	2.34
UK Emerging Cos	181.00	181.00	- 1.71	2.16
American	393.59	393.59	+ 4.24	0.23
Japan	126.97	136.97	+ 1.29	
European	428.39	428.39	- 0.18	0.70
Index Linked Gilt	193.30	193.30	+ 0.04	2.65
Fixed Interest	191.34	191.34	+ 0.12	6.99
Amer Emerging	403.74	403.74	+ 4.61	
Pacific	231.15	231.15	+ 1.25	0.89
Emerging Mkts	148.64	148.64	+ 0.35	0.66
Index Strat Japan	134.37	134.37	+ 1.14	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	212.48	212.48	+ 1.34	1.11
-do- Cont Europe	226.56	226.56	- 0.68	1.21
Index Strat USA	233.50	233.50	+ 1.74	1.25
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	135.85	144.52	+ 0.06	
Med Term Bal	118.38	125.93	- 0.09	
Cash Trust	150.98	150.98	+ 0.05	5.72
Long Term Bal	137.59	146.35	+ 0.12	
UK Equity	158.14	168.23	- 0.20	
UK Emerging Cos	85.42	90.87	- 0.84	
American	182.78	194.44	+ 2.18	
Japan	60.75	64.62	+ 0.67	
European	178.34	189.71	- 0.05	
Fixed Interest	99.07	105.39	+ 0.06	
Index Linked Gilt	86.21	91.71	+ 0.02	
Deposit	91.15	96.96	+ 0.03	
Buiter Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	163.14	178.04	- 0.48	0.48
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	731.44	778.13	- 1.14	1.01
-do- Accum	830.26	883.26	- 1.30	1.01
European Inc	202.57	215.24	- 0.86	1.35
Amalgam Inc	178.79	190.20		
N America Inc	471.02	501.09	- 5.56	
Far East Inc	390.59	415.52	- 0.18	0.60
-do- Accum	405.39	431.27	- 0.19	0.60
UK Dvdnd Inc	230.60	245.32	+ 4.63	5.70
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	131.46	140.08	+ 0.03	
Do NAV to Jan 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	103.74	110.76		2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	957.09	961.88		5.50
UK Growth Funds				
UK Emory Gen	325.90	346.70	- 1.20	1.79
Britain Growth	76.65	81.97	+ 0.10	1.43
UK Small Cos	73.37	78.45	- 0.10	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	93.13	99.60	- 0.10	2.11
Geared UK Index	1975.61	2085.62	- 17.00	5.00
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	100.07	107.02	+ 0.60	4.34
Corp Bd	80.85	80.32	- 0.15	
Monthly Inc	40.32	42.97	- 0.20	8.91
International Funds				
American Gen	273.90	290.90	- 1.70	
American Strat	237.42	253.92	- 2.10	
JG US Index	2113.14	2226.56		4.00
European Gen	324.30	343.70	- 1.70	0.71
European Strat	137.70	146.85	+ 1.80	
Japan Gen	154.30	163.30	+ 1.90	
Japan Strat	52.46	56.10	+ 0.10	
Asia Pacific	103.08	110.24	+ 0.91	
Pacific Strat	171.49	183.40	+ 1.40	
Greater China	301.55	322.51	+ 1.40	
Latin America	125.51	134.23	+ 0.40	
Intl Growth	177.61	189.94	+ 2.50	
Balanced Exempt	149.80	154.00		2.38
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	696.26	742.70	+ 0.30	
Gilt & Fixed	136.40	114.70	+ 0.10	5.42
Growth Equity	486.09	519.20	- 0.90	1.28
Income Trust	165.70	177.00	+ 0.10	3.23
International	229.70	245.30	+ 1.00	
Japan Trust	118.80	126.30	+ 0.90	
Nth American	409.50	437.40	+ 3.20	
Pacific	596.80	637.60	+ 4.40	0.02
Growthfull	716.00	764.90	+ 1.40	1.19
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	97.12	100.77	- 0.50	5.25
Global High Inc	94.19	97.74	- 0.01	5.10
Corporate Bond	109.95	114.16	- 0.15	6.74
Ecty & Bond Inc	121.56	129.25	- 0.50	4.22
European Growth	153.42	163.12	- 0.63	
Intl PEP Trust	92.25	97.45	+ 0.16	0.72
Equity Inc	152.84	162.58	- 0.21	3.33
-do- Accum	229.97	244.51	- 0.31	3.39
Recovery	450.80	479.30	+ 0.20	2.31
-do- Accum	542.50	576.80	+ 0.20	2.21
SI Vinc High Inc	139.13	141.21	- 3.80	6.53
UK Emerg Cos	320.50	340.90	- 0.30	2.87
UK Smlr Cos	419.50	426.80	- 0.70	3.20
Gloc Pm Tst	146.56	155.84	- 0.29	0.78
-do- Accum	152.38	162.02	- 0.29	0.78
Inc Share Tst	95.65	101.70	- 0.05	8.47
Small Cos	102.49	108.96	0.10	2.50
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	59.94	63.56	+ 0.05	3.21
Balanced Acc	64.53	68.42	+ 0.06	3.21
Growth	36.99	39.22	+ 0.04	1.96
Growth Acc	38.53	40.85	+ 0.05	1.96
Income	34.98	37.09	- 0.04	4.14
Income Acc	38.42	40.74	- 0.05	4.14
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	30.70	32.72	+ 0.08	2.93
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	102.20	105.70	- 0.20	6.33
Model Ptflo	271.70	286.00	- 0.50	2.09
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Perf Acc	48.21	51.15	- 0.14	2.97
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 464646 Dealing: 0645 464545				
UK Funds				
Uk Enterprise	379.04	405.56	- 1.70	2.31
Best of British	92.81	85.30	- 0.14	2.48
UK Smaller Cos	156.54	162.27	- 0.53	1.04
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	342.52	365.15	- 0.52	3.75
-do- Accum #	946.67	1061.41	- 1.44	3.75
High Income	374.31	400.13	+ 0.43	4.38
Extra Income #	317.63	337.79	- 0.16	6.51
Pref & Ecnc	51.70	53.45	- 0.08	8.00
International				
Ethical	129.33	138.31	- 0.25	1.46
International	367.74	390.67	- 1.15	
Global Bond	53.08	55.89	+ 0.07	5.06
Intl Port Tst	108.50	116.46	0.78	
Global Tech	232.64	249.76	- 1.15	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	204.29	218.45	- 0.80	0.37
European	753.16	797.53	- 1.55	0.52
European Income #	106.02	112.78	- 0.66	3.06
Euro Smlr Cos	223.45	238.70	- 0.54	0.79
European Value	106.02	112.82	- 0.45	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	186.40	198.16	+ 0.71	
Pacific Smlr Cos	245.19	261.22	+ 0.92	
North American	381.82	406.98	+ 4.18	
American Smaller	124.91	207.29	+ 2.56	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	176.00	185.30	+ 0.40	4.60
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	141.50	148.17	+ 1.19	1.50
Capital	227.82	238.55	+ 2.18	1.23
Dollar	580.79	606.16	+ 4.52	
Enterprise Gth	454.39	475.79	+ 4.38	0.77
European	327.67	343.11	+ 1.44	
Far East	308.45	322.99	+ 7.88	0.42
Financial	1278.99	1339.23	- 10.17	1.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.71	28.82	+ 0.16	6.50
High Yield #	124.31	130.17	+ 1.11	4.51
Income & Growth #	186.18	194.95	+ 1.70	3.38
International	322.01	343.47	+ 2.27	0.32
Japanese General	191.61	200.64	+ 2.67	
Japan Tech	88.80	92.98	+ 1.56	
Nat Resources	77.96	81.62	+ 1.80	0.60
Portfolio	91.24	95.54	+ 1.06	1.29
Special Sits	327.38	338.09	+ 4.27	0.26
UK Emerging Cos	130.14	136.27	- 0.41	1.14
US Smaller Cos	169.39	177.38	+ 1.80	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	721.60	770.10	- 0.20	4.63
UK Growth	733.40	946.70	- 0.20	1.46
High Income #	127.60	136.20		5.56
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	726.90	773.40	+ 4.90	0.27
European Gwth	179.80	191.00	- 0.80	0.19
Japan Gwth	276.00	293.40	+ 1.30	
Japan Smllr Cos	29.51	31.43	+ 0.12	
Asian	64.44	66.77	+ 0.15	
Sing & Malay Gwth	81.29	85.74	+ 0.30	
Hong Kong Gwth	230.16	245.50	- 0.60	0.19
Global Bond	21.07	22.19		4.87
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	193.10	194.10		2.83
Trade Index	132.20	139.70	- 0.10	2.56
THE FOOTSIE FUND	76.85	77.24	- 0.01	2.56
Index Funds-International				
American Index	252.60	354.40	- 2.30	0.76
Eurotrack 100	237.40	238.60	- 1.00	0.88
Japan Index	70.68	71.04	- 0.62	0.13
Tiger Index	182.20	186.40	+ 1.00	0.09
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	52.77	55.11	- 0.19	1.34
General Funds				
Managed Dist	97.76	102.10	+ 0.20	1.01
Managed	101.30	105.80	+ 0.10	1.01
Reprst Child Fnd	120.70	126.00	- 0.10	1.83
UK Growth	78.78	82.28	- 0.06	1.53
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	96.81	101.10	- 0.20	5.45
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.72	28.62	+ 0.05	7.59
Uk Inc & Gwth	53.93	56.32	- 0.11	2.81
UK Income #	412.10	430.40	- 0.80	4.30
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	71.22	73.71	+ 0.50	
Amer Smllr Cos	174.30	181.70	+ 2.60	
-do- Accum	176.00	183.70	+ 2.30	
Europe Gth	277.00	283.90	- 0.20	
-do- Accum	286.90	299.70	- 0.20	
Euro Smaller Cos	49.86	52.01	+ 0.05	
French Growth	111.60	116.00	- 1.00	0.03
-do- Accum	121.30	125.60	- 1.00	0.03
H Kong & China	152.10	158.50	+ 0.30	0.27
Intl Growth	78.10	81.37	+ 0.08	0.35
-do- Accum	79.59	82.97	+ 0.08	0.35
Japan Gth	27.78	28.95	+ 0.03	
-do- Accum	27.78	28.95	+ 0.03	
Japan Smaller Cos	31.55	32.93	+ 0.12	
Gbn Emrg Mkts	111.10	116.00	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	111.90	116.90	- 0.20	
SE Asia	375.10	391.70	+ 1.70	
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	39.16	50.68	+ 0.04	6.70
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	119.80	127.60	- 0.60	3.20
UK Growth	124.00	132.10	+ 0.60	1.60
Hy 5 Europe	106.90	114.50	- 0.10	1.95
Slater Gwth	204.10	217.70	- 0.40	0.92
New Japan	89.48	94.50	+ 0.09	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	200.60	213.40	- 0.80	
Income #	245.66	261.34	- 0.10	3.97
UK Growth	93.40	99.36	- 0.04	1.86
Intl Growth	95.58	101.68	+ 0.22	0.55
Ecology	110.97	119.05	+ 0.61	0.74
European	238.34	253.55	- 0.94	0.20
Far Eastern	332.57	353.79	- 0.50	
UK Special Sits	59.26	63.25	- 0.14	0.39
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.17	63.07	+ 0.02	0.54
High Income #	55.09	58.76	- 0.06	4.77
Financial Opps	47.10	50.24	- 0.07	

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	134.70	143.22	- 2.40	6.64
Euro Prs Inc	119.00	126.60	- 0.20	2.75
-do- Accum	118.60	126.50	- 0.20	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.43	126.29	- 0.10	6.26
Global Income	255.20	271.60	+ 1.80	2.95
High Yield	122.30	130.90	+ 0.50	4.91
-do- Accum	619.60	653.95	+ 1.40	4.91
Money Market	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.77
Smllr Cos Dist	58.33	62.11	- 0.02	3.23
Tomorrows Co Eq Acc	1055.30	1098.00	+ 4.00	3.42
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	117.30	125.00	- 2.10	
Asian Growth	323.40	344.10	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	386.10	409.40	[illegible]	
North American	107.40	113.50	[illegible]	
European Special	145.20	155.60		1.04
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 5.50	2.67
-do- Accum	[illegible]	300.40	- 2.60	0.57
Global Eqty Inc	126.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.93
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japanese Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.30	
Smaller Cos	157.10	167.10	- 4.20	0.94
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	65.55	- 1.15	1.39
UK Index Inc	[illegible]	365.00	- 2.50	2.44
Bircham Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.30	1.50
-do- Accum	119.30	125.70	- 0.22	1.50
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	342.14	375.04	- 0.35	4.62
Eq Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.78
Inc & Growth	76.62	81.73	- 0.54	3.48
Smaller Cos	99.12	105.37	- 1.02	[illegible]
Ever Spec Sit Inc	60.57	64.78	- 0.16	1.75
Ever Spec Sit Acc	64.32	68.39		1.74
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	508.50	537.70	[illegible]	1.57
UK Inc Gth #	545.30	577.30	- 0.50	3.23
UK Income #	275.50	292.20	- 0.20	4.19
UK Sm Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.20	1.67
Euro Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.12
N Amer Gwth	141.45	150.30	- 0.80	
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.15	0.30
Emg Mkts Gwth	95.61	[illegible]	+ 0.39	
Japan Growth	88.54	93.37	+ 0.37	
Dealing: 01277 690 426				
Gwth Port Inc	74.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.64
Gwth Port Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.63
Inc Port Inc	83.12	[illegible]	- 0.14	3.74
Inc Port Acc	[illegible]	82.23	- 1.15	3.66
Wwide Port	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.15	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 235				
Equity Dist #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.10	2.44
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.00	2.44
Equity Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.22	4.72
UK Tactical Alloc. #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.97
European #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.85	2.54
Far Eastern #	248.20	262.30	+ 4.30	
Fixed Interest #	56.74	58.12	- 2.29	5.13
Gilt #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.15	6.13
Global Growth #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.27
Intl Bond #	43.76	45.11	- 0.85	4.75
Japanese #	89.92	93.23	- 0.46	
North American #	266.56	284.55	[illegible]	0.25
Pacific Growth #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.10	1.22
Pacific Index #	40.75	43.13	- 0.42	1.31
UK Index #	97.66	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.34
UK Recovery #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.93
UK Smaller Cos #	153.50	162.90	- 2.40	1.17
US Index #	102.11	103.20	- 0.56	0.45
European Index #	129.60	133.85	- 1.50	1.37
Japan Index #	36.26	38.21	- 0.27	
Worldwide #	102.56	109.35	- 0.11	1.35
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	63.73	67.22	- 0.11	2.16
Income	78.58	83.22	- 0.11	3.37
Far East	49.33	52.76	[illegible]	
North American	143.50	153.50	+ 1.52	
Global	103.50	110.56	[illegible]	0.79
European	17.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.84
Japan	41.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl Currency Bd	50.22	51.91	[illegible]	5.26
SE Asia	45.22	48.22	[illegible]	0.20
UK Cap Growth	115.30	122.70	+ 3.10	1.33
Recovery Trust	78.56	83.35	[illegible]	1.85
Managed	79.32	83.52	[illegible]	1.94
Cash	57.79	57.72	[illegible]	5.72
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 304 373				
Balanced	55.40	59.22	- 0.50	1.54
-do- Accum	115.00	122.30	- 1.20	1.54
Conti Euro Gth	39.92	42.50	- 0.39	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	
Extra Inc #	227.40	243.20	[illegible]	4.71
Extra Inc Acc #	929.67	995.50	- 1.50	4.71
FTSE 100 Inc	149.00	154.30	- 1.50	2.30
FTSE 100 Acc	151.40	156.60	- 2.20	2.30
German Gth	76.22	78.62	- 2.20	
-do- Accum	79.50	82.40	- 2.10	
Growth Port	738.90	792.92	- 2.70	3.15
-do- Accum	1306.40	1398.30	- 2.30	3.15
High Interest Inc	104.36	108.60	+ 0.60	7.00
High Interest Acc	119.20	120.60	- 1.60	7.00
Hi Reserve Inc #	112.20	117.33	- 2.40	5.33
Hi Reserve Acc #	129.80	135.86	- 2.50	5.33

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Plus	625.90	665.90	+ 9.50	4.15
-do- Accum	721.40	767.50	+ 6.40	4.15
Japan Growth	98.23	104.50	+ 1.10	
-do- Accum	98.80	104.90	+ 1.10	
Master Trust	73.02	77.68	+ 0.14	1.33
-do- Accum	85.79	91.27	+ 0.15	1.33
Millennium Acc	106.80	113.70		2.16
N American Gen	288.70	305.00	+ 2.20	
-do- Accum	331.90	353.00	+ 2.50	
Ntrn Smr Co Rec	203.90	217.00	+ 2.40	
-do- Accum	208.10	221.40	+ 2.30	
Pacific Basin	250.30	266.30	+ 2.30	0.17
-do- Accum	266.80	283.90	+ 2.50	0.17
Safety First Acc	103.80	109.30	+ 0.30	1.84
Do until 13/5/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Inc	524.40	552.00	- 1.10	1.93
-do- Accum	729.90	768.40	- 1.70	1.93
UK Eq Sth	189.58	201.60	+ 2.30	2.24
UK Eq Inc #	149.20	158.80	+ 1.80	3.77
UK Growth	120.30	128.00	+ 0.10	1.58
-do- Accum	152.10	161.90	+ 0.20	1.58
Worldwide Gth	399.00	424.50	+ 3.70	0.39
-do- Accum	590.50	628.00	+ 5.50	0.39
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	105.31	112.65	+ 0.66	0.69
General	121.23	130.07	+ 0.22	2.40
Income	82.02	88.00	+ 0.14	4.70
International	81.65	87.60	+ 0.25	0.50
Japan	54.98	58.94	+ 0.23	
Tst of Inv Tsts	83.73	89.83	- 0.01	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	593.90	627.00	+ 1.80	0.16
-do- Accum	744.30	785.70	+ 2.20	0.16
Amer Recovery	703.90	744.40	+ 3.90	
-do- Accum	914.00	960.90	+ 4.50	
Amer Smllr Cos	169.60	179.30	+ 2.00	
-do- Accum	173.30	183.20	+ 2.10	
Australasian	229.30	242.50	+ 0.30	1.79
-do- Accum	290.70	307.50	+ 0.50	1.79
Capital	1025.10	1084.00	+ 0.10	2.80
-do- Accum	1236.70	1307.70	+ 0.10	2.80
Charifund	859.10	867.70	+ 0.30	5.59
-do- Accum	4588.60	4644.00	+ 1.80	5.59
Commodity	473.80	501.00	+ 0.50	0.60
-do- Accum	700.60	740.80	+ 0.70	0.60
Compound Gth	1185.70	1253.80	+ 0.20	2.84
-do- Accum	1325.90	1402.30	+ 0.30	2.84
Corporate Bond	27.17	27.26	- 0.04	6.89
Dividend	42.30	50.00	+ 0.10	4.75
-do- Accum	218.00	230.70	+ 0.40	4.75
Equity Income	346.00	365.90	- 0.40	5.37
-do- Accum	490.30	518.50	- 0.50	5.37
Euro & General	736.80	779.00	- 3.50	0.52
-do- Accum	950.70	1005.50	- 4.50	0.52
Euro Dividend	91.40	96.70	- 0.30	3.42
-do- Accum	117.30	124.10	- 0.30	3.42
Euro Smlr Cos	57.50	60.80	- 0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	57.70	61.00	- 0.20	0.50
Extra Yield	507.10	536.30		5.08
-do- Accum	1740.90	1841.20	+ 0.30	5.08
Fund of Inv Tsts	770.60	814.90	- 0.30	1.28
-do- Accum	1503.40	1589.90	- 0.60	1.28
General	77.40	81.80	+ 0.70	3.75
-do- Accum	235.20	248.60	+ 2.10	3.75
Gilt Income	65.12	65.22	- 0.08	6.20
-do- Accum	205.80	206.13	- 0.26	6.20
Gold	59.20	62.60	- 0.20	1.12
-do- Accum	71.10	75.10	- 0.20	1.12
High Income	35.90	38.00	+ 0.10	4.86
-do- Accum	159.70	169.20	+ 0.60	4.86
Intl Growth	100.70	106.50	+ 0.20	0.59
-do- Accum	178.40	188.70	+ 0.30	0.59
International Inc	121.80	128.80	+ 0.30	4.11
-do- Accum	198.10	209.50	+ 0.40	4.11
Japan & Gen	37.00	39.80	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	39.70	41.90	+ 0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	126.70	134.00	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	127.60	134.90	+ 0.30	
Managed Gwth	28.80	30.40		1.48
Managed Income	32.00	33.60		4.28
Midland	59.20	62.60	- 0.30	3.33
-do- Accum	210.70	222.80	- 1.30	3.33
Pension Ex	1171.90	1201.30	- 1.00	3.92
Recovery	49.40	52.20	+ 0.10	2.80
-do- Accum	87.80	92.00	+ 0.20	2.80
Second General	77.90	82.40		4.08
-do- Accum	218.20	231.00		4.08
Smaller Cos	63.80	67.50		3.35
-do- Accum	134.80	141.90		3.35
Sth East Asia	418.70	442.80	+ 2.40	1.05
-do- Accum	561.80	594.10	+ 3.10	1.05
Treasury	25.10	25.14		6.12
Trustee	46.70	49.40		4.97
-do- Accum	207.10	219.30		4.97
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	121.02	128.74	- 0.48	0.33
Intl Bond	61.48	64.60	+ 0.27	4.11
Intl Equity Growth	95.85	101.82	+ 0.39	0.44
N Amer Growth	159.65	169.46	+ 1.57	0.62
Special Sit Growth	31.29	33.28	+ 0.08	2.09
UK Growth	518.76	551.87	+ 1.23	2.50
-do- Accum	725.82	769.80	+ 1.72	2.50
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1553.00	1575.30		2.70
Income #	1132.10	1149.00		4.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.90	190.10	+ 4.10	3.62
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	99.62	102.60	+ 0.40	6.38
UK Sel Ptflo	197.10	203.20	+ 0.30	2.31
-do- Accum	236.20	243.50	+ 0.30	2.31
UK Sel Ptflo	176.60	182.10	+ 0.30	2.30
-do- Accum	217.30	224.00	+ 0.30	2.30
UK 100 Cos	137.70	137.70	+ 0.40	2.43
-do- Accum	141.20	141.20	+ 0.40	2.43
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.30	77.98		3.39
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4648				
Intl Income	94.20	100.00	+ 0.26	3.29
European	122.60	130.30	+ 0.10	0.32
Income #	95.32	101.20	+ 1.10	3.81
Nth American	114.00	120.90	+ 1.20	0.01
Far East	202.60	215.10	+ 2.70	0.15
Japan	65.94	70.08	+ 0.48	
Emrgng Mkts	107.20	114.70	+ 2.00	
Intl Growth	153.80	163.30	+ 0.30	0.51
UK Growth	136.60	145.00		2.20
Uk Smlr Co	63.11	67.00	+ 0.11	1.80
Asia Pacific	42.91	45.89	+ 0.64	0.44
Glob Gwth PEP	73.68	78.21	- 0.01	0.30
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	111.30	118.50	- 0.10	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	527.75	561.44	- 0.05	3.15
Global Inc	83.35	88.65	- 0.15	3.38
Bal Leaders Inc	420.33	447.16	- 0.27	1.62
Intl Leaders	266.59	283.61	+ 0.30	0.62
P&M Mg Bal Gth	72.44	78.54	- 0.12	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	322.40	330.60	+ 3.200	
-do- Accum	344.70	363.40	+ 3.500	
American Opps	129.80	137.00	+ 1.100	
-do- Accum	130.40	138.90	+ 1.100	
British Blue Chip	110.60	117.30	+ 0.420	2.57
-do- Accum	144.70	153.00	+ 0.500	2.57
Cash	101.00	101.00	+ 0.120	6.20
-do- Accum *	153.20	153.20	+ 0.100	6.20
Emerging Mkts	158.90	170.70	+ 0.340	0.61
-do- Accum	161.30	173.30	+ 0.300	0.61
European Growth	394.70	417.60	- 0.720	0.46
-do- Accum	430.40	455.40	- 0.720	0.46
European Income	97.90	103.90	+ 0.100	3.96
-do- Accum	145.50	153.80		3.96
General	659.20	701.20		2.25
-do- Accum	1367.00	1454.00		2.25
Global Bond	126.50	132.90	+ 0.400	3.38
-do- Accum	171.90	180.70	+ 0.700	3.38
Gold & General	164.50	176.20	- 3.000	0.42
-do- Accum	170.30	182.50	- 2.900	0.42
Govt Securities	96.85	99.84	+ 0.160	5.50
-do- Accum	213.10	219.60	+ 0.300	5.50
High Yield Bd	105.30	107.86	+ 0.100	6.54
-do- Accum	116.50	119.30	+ 0.100	6.54
Income	211.91	225.00	+ 0.800	4.00
-do- Accum	361.50	384.00	+ 1.300	4.00
Inc Portfolio #	121.20	128.40	+ 0.300	4.69
-do- Accum #	135.60	143.50	- 0.300	4.69
Intl Opps	624.40	665.00	+ 0.900	0.74
-do- Accum	848.30	904.90	+ 1.000	0.74
Japan	176.00	187.70	+ 1.400	
-do- Accum	180.70	192.70	+ 1.300	
New Europe	272.40	290.60	- 0.500	0.96
-do- Accum	286.00	305.10	- 0.500	0.96
Pacific	116.90	124.50	+ 0.400	0.44
-do- Accum	126.20	134.60	+ 0.600	0.44
Recovery	515.90	551.30	+ 7.600	1.64
-do- Accum	688.20	734.10	+ 10.00	1.64
UK Smaller Cos	62.11	66.25	- 0.71	1.53
-do- Accum	71.96	76.65	- 0.76	1.53
Portfolio	102.50	109.70	+ 0.300	2.69
-do- Accum	123.70	135.90	+ 0.400	2.69
Managed Grth	134.60	142.30	+ 0.420	1.80
Managed Inc	128.70	133.50	- 0.300	4.04
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	186.43	198.33	- 0.41	0.17
Portfolio	89.74	95.47	- 0.36	1.36
UK Income Inc	104.04	110.58	- 0.42	4.27
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq 0345 456 122 Dlg 0345 456 123				
Balanced	75.91	79.36	+ 0.03	2.61
-do- Accum	94.34	98.84	+ 0.23	2.61
British Tst	133.80	139.60	+ 0.10	2.01
-do- Accum	151.40	156.57	- 0.20	2.01
Corp Bond Inc	102.90	106.93	+ 0.30	6.45
-do- Accum	109.60	113.60	- 0.40	6.49
Extra High Inc	77.00	80.63	- 0.02	6.25
-do- Accum #	170.43	178.45		6.25
FTSE 100 Acc	93.16	97.38		2.13
FTSE 100 Dist	77.50	81.15		2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.48	59.81	- 0.05	6.40
-do- Accum	190.50	198.20	- 0.20	6.40
High Yield	259.30	272.10		5.48
-do- Accum #	745.50	780.50		5.48
House of Nat Names	108.70	107.40		1.14
Income	171.70	179.80	- 1.60	4.21
-do- Accum #	363.30	380.60	- 2.20	4.21
Emerg Market T/T	38.61	40.61	- 0.05	5.51

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	103.90	108.80		4.43
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	157.80	167.90	+ 0.20	1.97
European Growth	163.50	173.30	+ 0.10	
Gilt & Fixed	107.30	113.80	- 0.10	6.17
Income	118.80	126.40		4.09
Japan Growth	46.07	48.83	- 0.48	
Managed	93.30	99.25	+ 0.09	2.41
Money Market	98.98	104.90		5.21
North American	130.30	138.10	- 1.00	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	143.10	152.20	+ 0.20	1.97
European Growth	153.40	162.60	+ 0.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	100.50	106.50	- 0.10	6.18
Income	116.40	123.80		4.09
Japan Growth	45.88	48.63	- 0.48	
Managed	89.09	94.78	+ 0.08	2.41
Money Market	91.18	96.66	+ 0.03	5.21
North American	116.90	123.90	- 1.00	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	141.60	150.80	+ 0.20	1.97
European Growth	149.90	158.90	+ 0.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	98.43	95.90	- 0.11	6.18
Income	112.90	120.10	- 0.10	4.10
Japan Growth	47.23	50.08	- 0.59	
Managed	91.74	97.60	+ 0.07	2.41
Money Market	86.65	87.62	+ 0.02	5.21
North American	130.90	138.70	- 1.10	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	537.50	569.50	+ 4.80	
European Gth Inc	636.10	677.40	- 1.40	
-do- Accum	643.00	684.80	- 1.40	
Intl Gwth	266.90	282.40	+ 1.10	
UK Equity Inc	244.70	260.70	- 0.40	3.97
Do Accum	339.09	361.00	- 0.60	3.97
UK Growth Inc	141.90	152.10	- 0.50	3.13
-do- Accum	146.40	156.90	- 0.50	3.13
Uk Ind Trckr Inc	221.70	236.70		2.84
-do- Accum	276.90	295.20	- 0.10	2.84
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	340.10	359.40	+ 2.50	0.92
Japan Tracker	66.02	69.65	+ 0.60	
Asian Tracker	235.30	251.20	+ 0.40	0.28
Mngd Ptflio Inc	205.90	219.50		1.63
Mngd Ptflio Acc	227.50	243.00	+ 0.40	1.63
Deposit Inc	100.22	100.22	+ 0.04	6.15
Europa	265.50	284.40	- 1.80	
Genesis	214.90	233.60	- 0.20	2.43
High Income	21.33	22.62	+ 0.01	10.00
Japan Growth	97.46	103.40	+ 1.10	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	119.30	121.90	+ 0.10	1.92
Acumen Inc	107.40	109.70	+ 0.10	1.92
Acumen Reserve	102.70	103.70	+ 0.10	6.84
-do- Inc	77.07	77.85	+ 0.24	6.84
American Growth	82.77	84.68	+ 0.73	
Equity Income #	117.10	120.20	+ 0.10	3.80
European	99.39	101.20	- 0.58	0.07
Smaller Cos	98.84	103.39	- 0.10	1.05
W'wide Eqty	89.08	90.94	+ 0.11	
Global Bond	41.37	41.81	+ 0.11	4.78
UK Growth	125.90	129.50	- 0.90	1.19
Pacific Growth	119.60	122.90	+ 0.80	0.89
Japan Growth	98.31	97.98	+ 0.60	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	169.61	180.44	+ 0.56	2.31
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	143.30	150.80	+ 0.70	
European Dist	179.00	188.40	- 0.30	0.32
Far East Dist	186.00	195.80	+ 1.30	
Global Care Dist	93.90	98.84	+ 0.18	0.51
Ocean Dist	1232.20	1287.10	+ 1.10	
-do- Accum	1601.50	1685.80	+ 1.40	
UK Dist	486.39	511.80	- 0.10	1.49
-do- Accum	1005.90	1058.80	- 0.30	1.49
Uk Extra Inc Dist	101.20	108.50		3.18
Wwide Dist	129.80	136.60	+ 0.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	96.20	101.26	+ 0.04	1.58
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 396				
Europe Inc	95.51	100.80		0.31
Fund of Funds Inc	76.86	81.12	+ 0.04	1.23
North America Inc	77.98	82.20	+ 0.84	0.11
UK Equity Gth Inc	75.57	80.81	+ 0.29	1.98
-do- Accum	84.00	88.85	+ 0.31	1.98
UK General Inc	75.38	79.56	+ 0.24	2.02
-do- Accum	84.48	89.16	+ 0.27	2.02
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.03	51.64	- 0.01	6.08
UK Income Inc	72.86	76.69	- 0.16	3.13
UK Smll Cos Inc	119.80	126.40	+ 0.10	1.16
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	58.48	62.19	+ 0.19	
-do- Accum	58.91	62.67	+ 0.19	
Bond	127.41	135.24	+ 0.38	5.66
Cash Income	50.39	50.39	+ 0.02	5.30
-do- Accum	71.34	71.34	+ 0.03	5.30
Challenger	91.34	94.16	+ 0.02	1.80
Distributor	114.59	121.99	+ 0.14	2.75
European	69.16	73.57	+ 0.59	
Foundation	119.51	127.13	- 1.79	2.26
General Inc	262.60	279.36	- 0.25	1.03
General Acc	266.39	280.39	- 0.25	1.03
Growth Inc	155.44	165.36	- 2.44	1.85
Growth Acc	161.23	171.52	- 2.52	1.85
Higher Income Inc	36.13	38.43	+ 0.08	4.81
-do- Accum	44.79	47.64	+ 0.09	4.81
Income	301.89	321.15	- 4.07	3.00
Intrepid	165.45	188.33	- 2.20	1.34
Intl Gwth	44.46	47.29	- 0.27	
Japan	29.33	31.20	+ 0.08	
Oriental Inc	158.17	168.26	+ 0.82	0.28
-do- Accum	163.83	174.28	+ 0.82	0.28
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	53.03	56.12	+ 0.24	5.81
UK Growth	127.70	135.10		2.64
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	158.86	165.11	- 0.81	1.28
UK Equity	190.74	200.78	- 0.26	2.69
UK Equity Income	169.12	178.02	- 0.01	3.47
UK Smaller Cos	148.36	156.17	+ 0.42	1.45
UK Equity Growth	167.82	176.44	+ 0.05	1.11
UK Index Trckg	191.96	202.60	- 1.32	2.53
Intl Index Trckg	195.43	206.26	+ 1.01	0.64
International	308.58	324.82	+ 0.91	0.59
European	299.96	315.75	- 1.51	0.02
Pan European	197.78	208.19	- 0.84	1.00
Nth American	278.99	293.67	+ 2.18	0.34
N Amer Smlr Cos	291.83	306.98	+ 0.70	
Japanese	92.85	97.75	+ 0.58	
Pacific	242.33	254.98	+ 1.56	0.36
South East Asian	281.02	295.81	+ 1.67	0.49
Sterling Bond	104.10	109.58	+ 0.16	6.52
Intl Bond	124.55	131.10	+ 0.07	3.59
Gilt & Convertible	112.70	118.63	- 0.04	5.88
Property	86.85	91.42	- 0.03	5.77
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	394.60	423.40	- 0.30	0.04
-do- Accum	419.40	450.00	- 0.30	0.04
Japan Inc	100.10	105.20	+ 0.20	
Nth American Inc	186.50	199.20	+ 1.70	0.62
Worldwide Inc	205.30	219.00	+ 0.70	0.23
Hong Kong Inc	234.00	249.80	+ 0.70	0.63
Swiss Equities Inc	108.60	115.90	- 0.50	
Wwide Bond Inc	67.08	70.91	+ 0.02	4.96
Emrgng Asia Inc	197.90	213.30	+ 1.70	0.18
-do- Accum	198.70	214.10	+ 1.70	0.18
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.37	50.37	+ 0.02	5.26
Thailand Inc	79.55	82.18	+ 2.43	2.98
New Zealand Inc	105.60	114.10	+ 2.30	2.22
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	80.23	85.86	- 0.09	0.63
Latin Am Ldrp Inc	88.31	94.95	- 0.08	0.51
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	79.78	81.11	- 0.03	2.17
Broker Unit Trusts				
Hay Global Blue	90.37	96.03	- 0.48	
Global Portfolio	79.31	84.82	- 0.39	
Hay Global Fxd	71.12	75.66	- 0.47	
Marsh Global Gth	69.73	73.10	- 0.03	
AMR Brd Gwth Inc	120.40	129.00	- 0.29	0.84
Temple Equity Inc	92.81	98.98	+ 0.09	2.02
Hartley Growth	131.30	139.70	- 0.10	0.31
SM Growth Inc	88.22	94.36	- 0.21	
JPS Portfolio Inc	103.93	110.58	- 0.39	
Rowbrough Sscl Gth	80.50	86.10	+ 0.06	0.16
UFC Growth	70.48	75.38	- 0.15	
Chatfield Port of Fds	59.27	62.69	+ 0.63	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	253.30	269.50	+ 0.80	0.87
European Gth	158.45	167.90	- 0.50	0.25
Income & Gth #	173.40	184.50	- 0.80	2.87
Japan Gth	102.80	109.40	+ 0.30	
Nth Amer Gth	264.40	280.60	+ 2.00	0.09
Overseas Gth	142.30	151.30	+ 0.50	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	318.50	336.60	+ 4.20	1.74
-do- Accum	707.00	752.10	+ 10.50	1.74
Growth	203.10	213.80	+ 0.70	2.13
Income	303.60	322.90	+ 4.80	3.43
Intl Equity	317.80	338.10	+ 1.90	0.12
-do- Accum	355.90	378.60	+ 2.10	0.12
Equity Income #	83.37	88.69	- 1.34	4.82
Equity Growth	107.80	114.60	+ 0.40	1.27
New Europe	125.00	133.00	+ 0.40	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	794.57	848.58	- 2.89	0.41
-do- Accum	799.51	853.85	- 2.91	0.41
Income	506.34	541.55	- 3.61	2.63
Worldw Recovery	513.21	554.88	- 0.72	0.48
Amer Growth Inc	333.56	354.65	- 0.41	0.01
-do- Accum	336.66	354.65	- 0.41	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	305.85	327.12	- 0.79	0.32
Far Estn Grth Inc	318.92	341.10	+ 0.33	0.84
-do- Accum	322.91	345.36	+ 0.38	0.84
Euro Gwth Inc	225.11	240.33	- 1.88	0.12
-do- Accum	228.65	241.16	- 1.89	0.12
UK Growth Inc	129.63	138.65	- 0.89	2.46
-do- Accum	142.48	152.33	- 0.98	2.46
High Income	132.59	141.20	- 0.88	3.24
Jap Gwth Inc	184.15	196.96	+ 0.41	0.22
-do- Accum	184.15	196.96	+ 0.41	0.22
PEP Bond	60.57	63.22	+ 0.19	6.85
PEP Growth	167.45	179.08	- 0.61	0.57
Asian Sit Mkts Inc	143.30	153.30	+ 1.20	0.19
-do- Accum	142.95	152.90	+ 1.30	0.19
Amer Smlr Cos Inc	212.11	226.26	- 0.65	0.01
-do- Accum	212.11	226.26	- 0.65	0.01
Global Bond	54.21	57.21	- 0.05	5.25
UK Smaller Cos Inc	112.65	120.49	- 0.33	1.81
-do- Accum	120.01	128.36	- 0.34	1.81
Lat Am Gwth Inc	45.66	48.74	- 0.33	0.12
-do- Accum	46.40	49.53	- 0.33	0.12
World Inc PEP #	48.61	51.51	- 0.15	4.09
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	152.52	162.25	- 0.40	
European	114.09	121.30	- 0.44	
Global	76.16	81.02	- 0.10	
Pacific	62.17	65.90	+ 0.30	
UK Inc & Gth	88.46	94.10	0.15	1.24
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	56.78	60.09	- 0.22	
Emerg Mkts	53.19	56.44	- 0.52	0.70
Euro Fund Acc	49.31	52.32	- 0.14	
Fund of Funds Inc	217.12	229.27	- 0.12	0.03
Fund of Funds Acc	219.75	231.22	- 0.12	0.03
High Income #	57.58	60.61	- 0.02	5.77
Performance	54.15	57.45	+ 0.05	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	185.07	193.39	- 0.41	2.38
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 643				
American Income	140.10	149.10	+ 0.70	2.59
Cnvs & Gilt	114.00	121.90	+ 0.10	4.76
Euro Spc Sit Acc	113.00	120.30	- 0.20	
Extra Income	196.70	209.38	+ 0.50	4.36
-do- Accum	263.90	280.70	+ 0.70	4.36
Far East	425.40	452.60	+ 8.30	0.38
-do- Accum	434.40	462.10	+ 8.50	0.38
Global Income	30.83	32.72	- 0.27	3.99
High Income	150.70	160.30	- 0.50	4.21
-do- Accum	197.20	209.70	- 0.60	4.21
International	241.58	254.79	+ 3.90	0.40
-do- Accum	255.30	270.50	+ 4.30	0.40
Fox & Pal Inc	48.46	51.77	+ 0.13	6.55

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	155.30	165.20	+ 0.20	1.52
-do- Accum	174.40	185.50	+ 0.20	1.52
Technology	733.80	780.70	+ 5.30	
UK Blue Chip	102.20	108.70	+ 0.30	2.76
-do- Accum	120.40	128.10	+ 0.40	2.76
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	50.27	52.09	+ 0.09	1.73
Cash Haven Inc	101.43	101.93	+ 0.03	5.37
Cash Haven Acc	122.41	123.01	+ 0.04	5.37
Dist Trust Inc	112.76	116.86	- 0.06	5.19
Dist Trust Acc	130.83	135.58	- 0.07	5.19
Global Growth	117.51	125.07	+ 0.16	1.08
Equity Inc	95.29	101.37	- 0.25	4.53
Equity	990.25	1053.46	- 0.53	2.19
European	323.18	334.90	+ 0.67	0.46
High Income	93.16	106.49	+ 0.15	4.95
Intl Gth	247.18	262.96	+ 0.96	0.79
Intl Sm Co	104.60	110.64	+ 0.34	0.60
Japanese	193.72	200.75	+ 2.40	
Mgd Income Tst #	49.65	51.34	+ 0.13	7.56
Nth Amer	286.98	297.84	+ 2.13	0.92
Pacific Mkts	117.67	121.94	+ 0.40	1.12
Premier Inc	49.38	54.39	+ 0.03	6.67
Sm-Cos	110.05	117.07	- 0.10	1.56
Spec Sits	138.88	147.74	- 0.16	2.25
UK Growth	168.57	179.33	- 0.10	2.15
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	94.90	99.79	- 0.17	3.30
Investment Trust	129.66	136.33	- 0.07	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	112.62	118.42	- 0.48	1.44
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	387.50	411.00	+ 1.20	2.57
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealing: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	832.39	881.40		
America (Acc)	975.23	1032.73	+ 12.51	
Amer Smllr Cos	71.38	75.59	+ 0.67	
Asia	56.19	60.22	+ 0.45	
European	490.73	520.84	- 0.10	
Japan	216.89	230.65	+ 2.22	
Jap Smllr Cos	34.08	36.22	+ 0.17	
Major UK Cos	133.45	142.25	+ 0.10	1.54
Smllr UK Cos	434.20	473.10	+ 0.30	1.13
UK Equity Inc #	200.79	214.86	+ 0.33	4.04
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	54.13	58.53	+ 0.34	
Cash	49.08	50.07		2.92
Emerging Mkts	57.32	59.88		
Europe	73.43	76.88	- 0.31	
Global Fixed Int #	48.73	50.89	- 0.03	5.05
Japan	39.78	41.55	- 0.24	
North America	77.25	80.67	- 0.17	
UK	73.06	76.30	- 0.20	0.45
UK Equity Inc #	67.64	70.64	- 0.20	3.39
Uk Fixed Int #	51.72	54.01	+ 0.12	7.02
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	56.56	58.61	- 0.11	
Pep Inc Port #	55.93	57.95	- 0.08	2.84
RAM Personal Pensions				
Deposit	98.25	98.16	+ 0.04	
Gilt	111.49	117.35	+ 0.11	
Managed	131.47	138.38	+ 1.41	
Portfolio	55.56	58.48	- 0.08	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	150.60	159.70	+ 0.90	0.27
Pacific Basin	81.36	87.33	+ 0.22	0.29
High Inc Dist	184.50	198.70	- 0.90	3.58
Ryl Life Inv Ctry	67.79	71.55	+ 0.01	3.97
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	89.80	95.58		0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	79.64	84.72	- 0.24	
UK Emerging Cos	137.80	149.70	- 1.30	1.39
UK Index Trckg	228.10	240.20	- 1.00	1.65
European	206.40	221.10	- 1.20	0.15
Managed	203.40	219.50	- 0.50	0.89
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	232.90	247.20	+ 1.50	1.12
European Growth	173.40	184.10	- 0.50	1.27
Far East Growth	165.50	176.10	+ 1.10	0.87
Japan Growth	118.40	125.80	- 1.30	0.26
Special Sits	257.80	274.20	- 1.50	1.45
Uk Growth	117.80	125.30	- 0.90	2.26
Intl Growth	323.40	344.10	- 0.40	1.56
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	179.90	190.40	+ 1.70	0.28
Gt Euro Prog Inc	498.00	516.40	- 0.20	0.83
-do- Accum	785.70	810.30	- 0.30	0.93
Growth Inc	173.30	183.40	+ 0.30	0.42
-do- Accum	178.30	188.60	+ 0.30	0.42
International Inc	457.80	484.40	+ 0.70	0.38
-do- Accum	633.30	670.20	+ 0.80	0.38
Nth Am & Intl Inc	449.90	476.10	+ 3.10	0.16
UK Gen Prog Inc	283.90	300.40	- 0.20	1.92
-do- Accum	329.00	348.10	- 0.40	1.92
UK High Inc Inc	166.40	176.10	+ 0.10	4.10
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	132.16	140.59	+ 0.69	0.75
European Gwth	114.47	121.77	- 0.19	1.98
Global Bd	60.21	63.61	+ 0.17	5.90
Japan	52.04	55.36	+ 0.42	
UK Gwth	96.61	102.77	+ 0.21	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 227 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	159.70	169.90	+ 7.50	
Cash	139.70	139.70		5.82
China Dragon	88.38	94.02	+ 1.39	0.41
Commodity	149.30	149.30	+ 2.00	
Emerging Mkts	47.25	50.27	+ 0.75	0.33
European Gwth	290.90	309.50	- 3.00	
Euro Smllr Cos	78.40	83.40	- 0.16	0.64
Extra Income #	62.74	65.02		5.38
Far Eastern	103.50	110.10	+ 0.20	
FE Sm Cos	46.24	49.19	+ 0.39	0.50
Financial Secs	380.80	405.10	- 0.10	1.34
Gold & Exploration	70.11	74.58	- 0.90	
Growth	508.90	511.50		1.75
High Income	51.41	51.41	+ 0.15	5.83
Intl Bond	156.60	165.30	- 0.10	4.84
ITU	263.60	280.40	+ 1.90	0.80
Japan Growth	155.90	165.20	+ 0.80	
Japan Smaller	151.60	160.80		
Korea	40.96	43.57	+ 1.09	
Latin America	55.24	58.77	+ 0.38	0.55
Masterfund	71.08	71.44	+ 0.78	0.77
Premier Eq Gth	187.30	199.30	- 0.60	1.30
Premier Eq Inc #	410.00	436.20	- 0.60	4.40
SE Asia	51.05	54.31	+ 0.80	
Southern Africa	59.19	62.97	+ 0.40	1.54
UK & O'seas	228.50	249.10	+ 0.40	0.84
Uk Eqty Gth	93.35	98.31	- 0.32	0.94
UK Eqty Inc #	297.60	318.60	+ 1.70	4.11
UK Gth & Inc #	345.30	367.30	+ 1.30	3.10
UK Sm Cos	61.88	65.83	+ 1.21	1.06
US Growth	255.40	271.70	+ 1.80	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Ctc: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	403.33	425.86	- 4.10	0.74
-do- Accum	447.68	472.69	- 4.54	0.74
European Gwth	115.30	116.14	- 0.97	0.43
Euro Smllr Cos	125.97	134.00	- 0.25	0.04
Far Eastern Gth	112.61	120.11	+ 0.85	
-do- Accum	114.78	122.42	+ 0.85	
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	54.79	57.73	- 0.05	7.16
Global Bond #	46.98	48.53	- 0.01	5.93
-do- Accum #	57.37	59.26	- 0.02	5.93
Global Emrg Mkts	62.36	66.51	- 0.01	
-do- Accum	62.42	66.57	- 0.01	
Income #	472.15	503.62	- 0.82	4.65
-do- Accum #	1629.59	1738.28	- 2.81	4.65
Japan Smllr Cos	339.84	362.49	+ 1.72	
-do- Accum	340.52	363.21	+ 1.71	
Japan Enterprise	65.49	69.85	+ 0.76	
Pacific Gwth	169.95	178.07	+ 0.25	0.40
-do- Accum	173.55	185.11	+ 0.25	0.40
Portfolio	106.15	113.13	- 0.01	1.61
-do- Accum	119.01	126.83	+ 0.01	1.61
Seoul	34.12	36.39	+ 0.41	
-do- Accum	34.12	36.39	+ 0.41	
Smaller Cos	347.13	370.27	+ 0.89	0.90
-do- Accum	415.77	443.49	+ 1.07	0.90
Strategic Inc	111.05	118.44	- 0.07	2.49
Strategic Acc	112.92	120.43	- 0.08	2.49
Tokyo	130.63	139.33	+ 1.21	
-do- Accum	131.95	140.74	+ 1.23	
UK Enterprise	365.65	390.02	+ 0.03	2.08
-do- Accum	463.00	493.88	+ 0.04	2.08
UK Equity	341.69	364.46	+ 0.32	2.33
-do- Accum	706.05	753.12	+ 0.67	2.33
US Smllr Cos	275.19	293.52	+ 1.86	
-do- Accum	275.19	293.52	+ 1.86	
Institutional Funds				
European	352.54	370.57	- 0.01	1.02
-do- Accum	405.78	420.56	- 0.02	1.02
Euro Smllr Cos	41.53	43.23	+ 0.08	0.91
-do- Accum	45.07	46.92	+ 0.08	0.91
Global Equity Inc	105.78	110.10	+ 0.89	0.78
Japan Smllr Cos	31.68	32.93	+ 0.29	0.12
-do- Accum	32.03	33.36	+ 0.29	0.12
Mngd Balanced	245.19	255.40	+ 0.20	3.60
-do- Accum	293.17	305.39	+ 0.25	3.60
Overseas Equity	250.14	260.56	+ 1.33	0.81
-do- Accum	264.57	275.59	+ 1.41	0.81
Overs Smllr Cos	146.13	152.21	+ 0.75	0.83
-do- Accum	155.17	161.64	+ 0.80	0.83
Pacific	293.40	305.62	+ 0.50	1.43
-do- Accum	328.68	342.37	+ 0.56	1.43
Recovery	2526.33	2631.58	- 3.25	3.00
-do- Accum	2811.17	2928.29	- 3.74	3.00
UK Index	208.40	218.12	- 1.04	3.18
-do- Accum	275.58	287.05	- 1.38	3.18
UK Small Cos	148.44	154.62	+ 0.17	2.48
-do- Accum	166.21	173.14	+ 0.18	2.48
US Smllr Cos	73.73	76.79	+ 0.31	0.74
-do- Accum	75.86	79.01	+ 0.32	0.74
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	68.61	72.56	- 0.29	2.32
Equity Trust	87.91	92.98	- 0.32	2.46
Equity Strategy	98.48	104.14	- 0.54	1.75
European Opps	126.59	133.77	- 0.74	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	82.87	87.63	- 0.11	1.08
Maximum Inc	100.07	103.69	+ 0.04	6.11
Japanese	73.79	78.03	+ 0.41	
Asia Pacific	124.61	131.77	+ 1.47	0.48
American	164.81	174.29	+ 1.36	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.40	34.40	+ 0.01	5.92
UK Eq Gwth Inc	70.08	74.75	- 0.11	3.00
-do- Accum	95.10	101.44	- 0.15	3.00
Intl Income	335.21	356.87	+ 0.88	1.42
-do- Accum	595.63	634.13	+ 1.56	1.42
European	124.53	132.13	- 0.43	1.35
Japan	60.51	64.11	+ 0.44	0.19
American	120.09	126.83	+ 0.86	1.17
Far East Tact	91.44	97.54	+ 0.82	1.38
Ethical Inc	42.53	45.49	+ 0.05	1.56
Uk Blue Chip Inc	45.48	48.64	- 0.05	3.38
UK Equity Inc	46.56	49.69	- 0.02	4.17
UK Global Inc	54.19	57.74	+ 0.05	1.86
Wwide Tact	95.94	102.11	+ 0.30	1.07
Europe Tactical	88.20	93.89	+ 0.62	0.98
Technology	173.83	184.51	+ 0.84	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	558.80	597.00	- 0.10	2.68
American	404.70	428.60	+ 3.00	0.18
Pacific	418.40	447.50	+ 3.40	0.08
European	780.40	834.60	- 2.80	0.51
Worldwide	112.90	120.70	+ 0.40	0.21
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	371.50	395.30	- 0.20	2.03
-do- Accum	497.90	529.70	- 0.30	2.03
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	291.30	309.90	- 0.80	0.91
-do- Accum	362.40	385.60	- 1.10	0.91
Select Opptys Inc	94.71	101.30	- 0.18	1.75
Income Plus Inc	94.47	100.50	- 0.09	2.90
European Inc	537.60	571.30	- 0.50	0.75
-do- Accum	619.60	658.40	- 0.60	0.75
Far Eastern Inc	189.40	201.50	+ 1.50	0.91
-do- Accum	220.20	234.30	+ 1.70	0.91
Japanese Inc	58.22	61.94	+ 0.24	
Nth American Inc	401.00	426.00	+ 4.80	0.35
-do- Accum	444.70	471.80	+ 4.50	0.35
Intl Growth Inc	260.00	276.60	+ 1.10	0.40
Wwide Venture Inc	110.70	117.80	+ 0.70	0.43
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	497.70	527.80	- 1.70	2.38
-do- Accum	770.90	815.40	- 2.60	2.38

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	374.30	399.70	- 1.90	2.42
Europe Inc	579.70	612.50	- 4.43	0.29
Nth Amer Inc	371.10	392.70	+ 1.40	
Global Inc	293.70	310.30	- 1.60	0.11
Global Acc	317.83	335.73	- 1.70	0.11
UK Spec Sits Inc	146.20	154.59	- 0.50	1.80
South East Asia	222.37	234.70	+ 1.40	0.19
Cash Trust Inc	100.30	100.38		5.72
UK Smllr Cos Inc	125.20	132.30		1.87
-do- Accum	132.62	140.00	- 0.10	1.87
Intl Bond Inc	88.99	93.50		4.76
International Strat	88.84	94.08	- 0.10	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	190.00	200.00	- 0.10	0.37
Nth American	160.80	169.10	+ 1.40	
Intl Bond & Conv	130.10	136.90	+ 0.30	6.36
Pooled Pension	261.50	281.30	+ 0.40	1.99
Smaller Cos	119.50	125.85	- 0.10	0.91
UK General #	184.00	193.70	- 0.20	2.35
Far Eastern	91.49	96.30	+ 0.43	0.19
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6229				
Continental	106.20	112.10	- 0.30	0.83
Global Gwth	88.88	94.08	+ 0.37	1.07
Inv Tst Port	82.21	86.16	- 0.29	2.21
Managed	1465.00	1594.40	- 10.32	1.41
Pref Inc #	107.90	114.70	- 0.10	5.90
Smaller Cos	286.90	305.20	- 0.30	0.81
Ireland SIB Recognised				
Uk Equity Inc ‡	105.32		+ 0.12	4.69
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.37		+ 0.04	5.23
Corporate Inc ‡	100.64		+ 0.18	5.33
Tal Plan ‡	122.00		- 0.17	
Aztec ‡	99.47		- 0.37	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	154.43		+ 1.45	
European ‡	169.72		- 1.23	
Global Bond ‡	88.81		+ 0.37	6.88
Samurai ‡	58.43		+ 0.09	
Uk Growth ‡	115.46		- 0.10	2.68
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	181.15		- 0.40	2.16
Investment Trust ‡	121.48		- 0.01	2.22
The Football Fd ‡	89.49		+ 0.86	
Reserve-Roll Up ‡	98.59			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	488.00	516.30	- 1.20	
Capital	160.50	169.80	- 0.30	1.23
Cash	101.29	101.29	+ 0.02	5.75
European	192.40	203.50	- 1.20	0.27
Far Eastern	174.50	184.60	+ 1.10	
Growth	183.80	194.50	- 0.60	1.52
Income #	149.30	157.90	- 0.30	5.11
Magnum	165.60	175.30	- 0.80	1.52
Smlr Secs	610.70	646.20	+ 2.80	0.19
Thoroughbred	195.70	207.10	- 0.70	1.37
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 435000				
Capital Primrose	58.47	62.50	- 0.07	7.08
Ethical	85.18	91.10	- 0.18	1.10
European Growth	96.38	102.20	- 0.20	0.02
Income	66.58	71.20	+ 0.52	3.76
Intl Growth	124.48	131.80	+ 0.70	0.07
Managed	106.40	112.70	+ 0.10	0.41
UK Growth	84.87	90.76	+ 0.70	1.31
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.93	52.19	- 0.10	1.23
Global Advtg Acc	56.78	57.05	- 0.10	1.23
Income Advtg Inc	39.65	33.85	- 0.20	3.95
Income Advtg Acc	47.60	47.84	- 0.20	3.95
UK Equity Gth Acc	113.88	120.70	- 0.30	1.79
Premier Inc Inc	51.45	52.49	+ 0.20	7.19
Premier Inc Acc	57.54	58.70	+ 0.20	7.19
Managed Acc	71.36	75.65	- 0.10	1.53
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	46.24	49.02	- 0.10	4.15
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	62.67	66.44	- 0.10	4.15
UK Smlr Cos Acc	48.49	51.40		0.71
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	90.81	98.49	- 0.30	1.69
UK Equity Gen Inc	64.52	69.56	- 0.20	1.99
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.11	35.02	+ 0.20	6.39
Ocean Lrg Co Acc	404.70	439.18	- 0.30	1.71
Nth American Acc	68.53	72.82	+ 0.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	46.70	49.62	+ 0.50	0.47
European Acc	68.76	73.06	- 0.10	0.31
Japan Acc	26.27	27.92	- 0.30	0.55
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	5.290	5.553		1.67
US Eqts (US$)	4.244	4.494		0.60
Far East Eqts (yen)	283.70	301.20		
FT Europe	179.40	190.50		1.03
FT N'Amer (US$)	3.371	3.568		
FT Japan (yen)	204.60	216.10		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	3.159	3.356		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	553.20	580.30	+ 5.80	
British #	1391.40	1472.10	+ 1.90	3.03
Emrgng Mkts	198.30	211.20	+ 0.99	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	113.10	120.00	- 0.60	
Euro Small Co	65.68	69.96	- 0.20	0.58
Japan	121.50	128.90	+ 1.50	
New Pacific	452.20	481.60	+ 1.70	1.15
-do- Accum	492.00	524.00	+ 1.90	1.15
Inv Trust Acc	324.90	344.50		1.13
Mngd Equity	222.70	235.60	- 0.50	1.91
Mngd Cash	86.45	86.45	+ 0.04	5.62
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1231.93	1316.00	- 1.90	1.67
North America	222.10	236.70	+ 1.60	
Far East	168.40	180.10	+ 0.80	
Wwide Bond	55.41	58.80	+ 0.08	5.64
European	174.70	188.80	- 1.00	0.17
Equity Income #	124.60	133.20	- 0.20	4.34
Portfolio	127.60	136.40		
UK Leading Cos	93.88	100.10		2.06
High Inc Bond	51.23	51.31	+ 0.13	6.53
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	82.88	88.64	- 0.52	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Arisens UT	25.15	26.76	+ 0.18	0.69
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	101.77	108.27	+ 0.45	6.76
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	109.45	116.44	+ 0.49	6.76
European	61.12	65.03	- 0.34	0.60
High Income	38.91	41.40	+ 0.46	3.47
Japan	34.93	37.17	+ 0.29	0.01
Managed Assets	161.11	172.32	+ 0.92	2.44
North American	54.43	57.91	+ 0.24	0.04
Smll Co's Inc	37.49	39.89	- 0.03	1.95
Smll Co's Acc	41.54	44.20	- 0.03	1.95
UK Growth Inc	73.62	78.33	+ 0.06	2.04
UK Growth Acc	84.12	89.49	+ 0.07	2.04
UK Income	50.27	53.77	- 0.02	2.91
Worldwide Gth	47.08	50.34	+ 0.11	0.13
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	61.56	65.48	- 0.28	
Cap Protector Inc	56.45	60.05	- 0.05	2.07
UK Income Inc	70.29	74.78	+ 0.13	2.49
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.52	39.74	+ 0.11	6.51
Mngd High Yld Inc	101.29	107.75	+ 0.33	3.46
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	98.83	105.14	+ 0.24	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	42.93	45.67	- 0.05	0.21
Pacific Grth Port	54.92	58.43	+ 0.08	0.17
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	352.39	378.10	+ 4.78	
-do- Accum	389.84	418.56	+ 5.24	
Brit Growth	138.94	148.09	+ 1.85	1.38
-do- Accum	176.32	186.98	+ 2.08	1.38
European	152.76	161.65	+ 1.34	
-do- Accum	163.16	172.66	+ 1.43	
Extra Income #	238.78	252.66	+ 3.10	4.33
-do- Accum #	446.16	472.13	+ 5.79	4.33
Smaller Cos	94.22	99.71	+ 2.66	0.87
-do- Accum	108.29	114.59	+ 3.05	0.87
General	408.08	431.83	+ 5.14	1.69
-do- Accum	879.59	930.78	+ 11.09	1.69
Premier Income	53.52	55.75	+ 0.20	6.25
-do- Accum	138.85	144.63	+ 0.52	6.25
Income #	430.77	455.85	+ 5.68	3.39
-do- Accum #	1029.36	1089.27	+ 13.56	3.39
Pacific	408.94	432.74	+ 10.65	0.04
-do- Accum	429.69	454.70	+ 11.20	0.04
International	717.24	759.52	+ 7.84	0.07
-do- Accum	946.44	1003.64	+ 10.35	0.07
Nat Resources	166.75	176.48	+ 4.65	0.27
Stcld Opps	147.01	155.57	+ 1.83	1.03
-do- Accum	194.53	205.85	+ 2.41	1.03
Environmental Inv	94.75	100.27	+ 1.32	0.72
Selecta	83.74	88.62	+ 1.23	1.30
-do- Accum	98.37	104.10	+ 1.45	1.30
High Income #	77.08	81.57	+ 0.91	4.28
-do- Accum #	109.28	115.64	+ 1.28	4.28
Intl Income	82.37	88.00	+ 0.18	4.50
-do- Accum	84.75	89.68	+ 0.27	4.50
Selector Income	72.71	76.94	+ 0.65	4.08
-do- Accum	94.05	99.53	+ 0.85	4.08
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1010				
British	465.44	490.99	+ 0.30	2.38
European	92.67	97.04	+ 0.02	1.11
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	266.48	281.99	+ 0.65	2.59
Glob Balncd Inc	217.19	229.83	+ 0.42	3.30
Value Tst Inc	164.57	174.15	+ 0.43	2.35
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 6033				
Capital	100.80	107.00	+ 0.30	0.49
International	79.38	84.45	- 0.41	
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Sar Bd	39.38	40.92	- 0.15	6.50
European Growth	404.98	424.06	- 2.53	0.80
Europe	754.80	786.68	- 0.94	2.90
Global Em-Mkts	99.00	103.86	+ 0.64	0.50
Japan Tst	78.82	82.53	+ 0.62	
Little Dragons	130.71	136.86	+ 0.22	
Nth Amer Gwth	360.84	377.84	+ 2.99	0.40
Oriental Income #	50.71	53.09	+ 0.26	3.50
Preference	137.57	144.05	+ 0.23	8.30
Tiger	316.20	331.09	+ 1.97	
UK Blue Chip	92.78	97.13	- 0.11	1.60
UK Growth	754.40	789.94	- 1.69	0.90
UK High Yield #	130.21	136.34	- 0.37	5.10
Uk Mid-Cap	351.30	367.85	- 0.36	1.60
UK Smlr Cos	145.44	152.29	+ 0.59	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	91.94	96.27	- 0.44	5.70
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	130.32	138.84	- 0.15	4.51
UK Equity Growth	117.58	125.19	- 0.29	2.55
European	90.65	96.44	- 0.39	1.14
Nth American	102.07	108.59	+ 0.61	0.10
Far Eastern	82.78	88.07	+ 0.47	0.65
Money	73.81	73.81	+ 0.02	4.70
Fixed Interest #	85.08	90.51	+ 0.12	7.57
Index Linked Gilt	75.08	79.85		1.20
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	107.61	107.61	- 0.38	6.61
Pens Growth	113.80	113.80		
Pens Inc Protct	106.35	106.35		
UK Index Tracking @	147.73	147.73	- 0.89	2.65
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	22.50	23.88	+ 0.19	
Pacific Basin	43.27	45.55	+ 0.18	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9347	0.9735	- 0.0028	
Penny Share	44.93	47.29	+ 0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	38.84	40.88	+ 0.39	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	127.70	128.10		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8017	0.8102	+ 0.002	
Gilt Income	58.16	51.02	+ 0.07	6.70
Gilt Growth	81.78	83.06	+ 0.15	
Sterling Bond	51.79	52.40	+ 0.04	6.20
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	63.93	67.36	- 0.43	1.78
Uk Stockmarket	115.20	122.40	- 0.80	2.30
Corporate Bd Inc	58.15	50.25	+ 0.03	6.24
Do Accum	53.08	52.19	+ 0.03	6.24

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit [illegible]

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Shares close near day's lows

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
489	407½	Allied Domecq†	431½	- 1	6.8	12.9
626	469½	Bulmer (HP)	491	...	3.4	14.6
75½	52½	Burn Stewart	54½	..	7.8	13.6
1040	865	Glenmorangie 'A'	975	...	1.7	24.1
613	425½	Grand Met	581½	- 3	3.5	18.5
615½	424	Guinness	588	- 2	3.4	16.8
380	321½	Highland Dist	330	- 1½	3.2	15.5
336	295	Matthew Clark	345	- 1½	12.2	11.7
109½	55	Merrydown W	55	- 12½	10.5	7.4
1978½	1452½	SA Breweries	1846½	- 9½	2.1	..

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178½	915½	ABN-AMRO	1131½	- 6½	2.8	
971	710	Abbey Nat	920	- 13½	4.8	14.5
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	597½	- 9½	3.5	14.4
481½	388½	Allied Irish	459½	- 2	4.0	13.0
450½	383½	Aus New Z	445½	+ 5½	4.2	...
4159½	2875	Bank America	3980½	+ 31½		
428½	291½	Bank Scotland	384	- 5½	2.7	11.7
1299	979½	Barclays	1192	- 33	3.3	12.1
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	661½	+ 1	3.1	...
7890½	6066½	Citicorp	7320½	+ 59½		
1750½	1368½	Commerzbk	1671½	- 9½	2.8	
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	821½	+ 3½	0.5	
3621½	2708½	Deutsche Bk	3525	- 34½	1.8	
1131½	759½	Espirito Santo	1112½		3.2	
947½	584½	Fuji Bank Y	904½	- 14½	0.5	
1944½	1272½	HSBC	1848½	- 11½	2.8	16.0
1869½	1241	HSBC HK	1780	- 11	2.9	15.4
783	714	Halifax	773	+ 11½	2.4	23.1
610	463½	Irish Perm	555		2.8	
661	424	Lloyds TSB	618	- 14	2.7	19.9
898½	668½	Nat Aust Bk	854	+ 10½	4.7	11.8
844½	663½	Nat West	802½	- 3	4.5	12.1
663½	500	Royal Bk Scott	558½	- 22½	4.3	12.1
1046	681	Stand Chart	918	..	2.8	18.4
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	...
374½	315½	Westpac	358½	+ 8½	4.1	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass†	733	- 2	4.4	13.7
60½	43½	Bk for the Bdr	44		5.0	12.1
205	144½	Boddington? Brw	145		4.9	13.0
155½	123	City Centre Rest	126½	- 1½	2.5	21.9
744½	612½	Compass Gp	674		1.7	24.8
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'†	282½	- 1	2.4	16.1
485	435	Faller Sm 'A'†	442½	- 2½	2.8	
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BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
485½	387½	Electrocomponents†	448½		2.1	25.3
220½	136½	Eurodis Elec	135		4.6	19.2
99½	76½	European Mtr	89		8.2	7.6
763	213	Evans Halshaw	223½		9.2	..
53½	39½	Fife Indmar	39½	...	10.4	7.9
387½	326½	Finelist Gp	327½		2.8	18.3
34½	25½	Gardiner	26½		4.5	10.8
79½	57½	Glentheaton	66½	+ 2½	2.5	13.0
110	82½	Gowrings	95		3.9	21.6
15½	11	HB Cass	12½		6.6	11.3
803	31½	Hamlett	34½	- 1	22.1	3.2
287½	232½	Hatton (Philip)†	234	+ ½	6.3	
320½	284½	Headlam†	309½	+ 1	2.3	20.4
156½	145	Holders Tech	154	....	5.9	14.1
240½	182½	IEA Ind	183½		1.8	15.6
309½	240½	Inchcape†	293	+ ½	4.6	17.3
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)†	65½		4.3	10.1
275	214½	Kwik-Fit	270	- 2	2.6	19.4
383½	316½	Lex Service	376½		5.3	12.4
132	100	Lookers	107		9.6	7.5
9	5½	Middlesex	7	- ½	1.8	..
41½	10½	Midshirest	16	..	3.8	3.7
472	180	Nortain	182	..	5.5	5.8
189½	114½	Northamber	128	- 1	1.4	7.5
382½	305½	Pattco	314	- 1½	3.2	16.5
404½	342½	Pendragon	358½	...	3.5	16.8
225½	185½	Perry Gp	189½	..	6.0	8.8
751	446	Premier Farnell†	468½	+ 7	3.2	17.3
152½	124½	Quicks Group	141½		6.2	9.6
357	307½	REA†	346		7.4	42.6
2½	1½	Reace	2	...		23.3
28	12½	Rukson	14½		12.9	...
4	2½	Russ Gp	3			
109½	78½	Ryland	88	..	5.6	15.9
38	24	SEP Ind	33	..	6.0	15.0
92½	35	Salterl	37½	- 2½	4.8	..
415½	315½	Time Products†	315½	- ½	4.8	12.1
337	228	UMECO	314		2.2	20.4
77½	59	United Carr Gp	73			15.8
352½	282½	Vardy (Reg)	300½		2.8	13.2
685	498½	WF Elect	668	- 6	3.5	24.2
47	26½	Wilshaw	26½	- 1	4.1	
172½	123½	Wyko	123½		2.7	14.4
154½	119½	Young (H)†	141½		3.8	12.0

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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100¹⁹⁄₃₂	100⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 7% 1997	100⁷⁄₃₂		7.00	6.47
101½	100⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8¾% 1997	100⁹⁄₁₆	..	8.72	6.49
108⁵⁄₃₂	102⁹⁄₃₂	Exch 15% 1997	102¹⁹⁄₃₂	- ⅛	14.62	6.66
103¼	101⁹⁄₃₂	Exch 9¾% 1998	101²⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	9.60	6.81
101⅝	100¼	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¼	- ⅛	7.23	6.89
110½	106	Treas 14% 1998-01	106	- ⅛	13.21	6.94
114⅛	109⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 15½% 1998	109⁹⁄₁₆	- ⅛	14.10	6.98
109⁵⁄₁₆	106⁵⁄₁₆	Exch 12% 1998	106⁷⁄₁₆	- ⅛	11.27	7.01
106⅛	103⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 9½% 1999	103⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	9.17	7.02
111⁵⁄₁₆	108⁹⁄₃₂	Exch 12¼% 1999	108¹¹⁄₃₂	- ⅜	11.30	7.03
108⁵⁄₁₆	106	Treas 10½% 1999	106	- ⅛	9.91	6.91
99⅛	98⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 6% 1999	98¼	- ⅛	6.11	7.02
110²⁵⁄₃₂	106⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⁹⁄₃₂	- ⅛	9.59	7.05
108½	104⅝	Conv 9% 2000	104⁹⁄₁₆	- ⅛	8.61	7.07
104¹¹⁄₃₂	102⅛	Treas 8% 2000	102²⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	7.78	7.06
119⁵⁄₁₆	115⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 13% 2000	115⁹⁄₁₆	- ⅛	11.23	7.11
112⁵⁄₁₆	99⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 2001	109⅛	- ⅛	9.17	7.14
101½	98⅛	Treas 7% 2001	98¾	- ⅛	7.09	7.09
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
122¼	109½	Treas 9¾% 2002	111⅝	- ⅛	8.78	7.16
105⁵⁄₁₆	102⅛	Treas 8% 2003	104¼	- ⅛	7.87	7.11
116⅛	117¼	Treas 10% 2003	114	- ⅛	8.77	7.16
116⁵⁄₁₆	113¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅝	- ⅛	10.10	7.16
87⅛	82⁵⁄₃₂	Fund 3½% 1999-04	85⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	4.05	5.82
114⁵⁄₁₆	109⁵⁄₁₆	Conv 9½% 2004	113¾	- ⅛	8.38	7.21
99⁵⁄₁₆	94⅛	Treas 6¾% 2004	98¼	- ⅛	6.88	7.07
105½	104⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2005	108⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	7.82	7.11
122⁵⁄₃₂	110⁵⁄₃₂	Conv 9½% 2005	114	- ⅛	8.39	7.12
129⁵⁄₃₂	124⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128½	- ⅛	9.85	7.17
103⁵⁄₁₆	98⅛	Treas 7½% 2006	102¼	- ⅛	7.31	7.11
107½	99⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 7¾% 2006	104⅛	- ⅛	7.45	7.12
104⁷⁄₁₆	100⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2002-06	103⅛	- ⅛	7.75	7.24
123⁵⁄₃₂	115⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅛	- ⅛	9.74	7.19
111½	105⅛	Treas 9¾% 2007	109⅛	- ⅛	7.75	7.14
102⁵⁄₁₆	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 2007	101⅛	- ⅛	7.17	7.09
115⁵⁄₃₂	108⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 9% 2008	114⅛	- ⅛	7.88	7.13
107½	101	Treas 8% 2009	106⅛	- ⅛	7.49	7.16
LONGS (over 15 years)						
96¼	86¼	Treas 6¼% 2010	92⅛	- ⅛	6.79	7.17
117½	103½	Conv 9% 2011	116⅛	- ⅛	7.76	7.17
118	109⅛	Treas 9% 2012	116⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	7.72	7.16
87⁵⁄₃₂	80⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	6.34	6.92
109¼	100⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2013	107⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	7.42	7.17
106	98⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	7.37	7.19
109⁵⁄₁₆	101⅛	Treas 8% 2015	108⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	7.36	7.13
117½	103⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 8¾% 2017	116⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	7.50	7.17
111⅛	101⁵⁄₁₆	Tr 8% 2021	110⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	7.27	7.11
UNDATED						
49⁵⁄₁₆	43⅛	War Ln 3½%	48⅛	- ⅛	7.18	
34⁵⁄₁₆	30⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 2½%	34⅛	- ⅛	7.32	
54⁵⁄₃₂	49⅛	Consols 4%	54	+ ⅛	7.41	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114⅛	113⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114⅛	- ⅛		2.91
187⁵⁄₁₆	184⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2001	186⅛	- ⅛	2.60	3.50
184⅛	180⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	3.15	3.62
120⁵⁄₃₂	117⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	118⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	3.19	3.60
195⁵⁄₃₂	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	192⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	3.30	3.62
176⁵⁄₁₆	170⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2009	173⅛	- ⅛	3.36	3.61
183⁵⁄₃₂	176⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	179⅛	- ⅛	3.39	3.62
150⁵⁄₃₂	144⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2013	147⅛	- ⅛	3.42	3.62
161⅛	152⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2016	158⅛	- ⅛	3.44	3.62
154⁵⁄₃₂	147⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2020	151⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	3.50	3.65
129⁵⁄₃₂	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125⅛	- ⅛	3.50	3.64
126⅛	119⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	123⁵⁄₁₆	- ⅛	3.50	3.63

PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
285	192	Bri Biotech	276	- ½		
1115	665	Cantab Pharm	955	- 15		
673	247½	Celltech	252	- 1		
442½	237½	Chiroscience	242½	- 12½		
293½	176	Cortecs	188	- 4½		
1257½	695½	Glaxo Well	1240	+ 1	3.3	25.6
745	142½	ML Laboratories	156½	- 3½		29.0
330½	252	Medeva	256½	- 7½	2.3	
403	228	Peptide Thera	328½	- 1½		
200½	195½	Powderject	230	+ ½		
92	24½	Proteus Intl	46½	+ 4½		
737½	317½	Scotia	325½			
246	216	Seton Healthc	230	+ 7½		
95	64½	Shire Pharms	89	- 1		
1114½	763½	SmithKline†	1106½	+ 8	1.8	27.7
352	299½	Theraps Res Inc	332½	- 4½		
787½	482½	Vanguard	487½	- 1½		
435	210	Xenova	329			
2016	1585½	Zeneca	1956	- 9	2.2	22.1

PRINTING & PAPER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	113	AG Holdings†	113½		6.6	9.7
782	658	APri	659		2.2	19.9
65	47½	App Holo	63			
202	161	Arjo Wiggins	179	- ½	6.3	15.6
201	120	Aspen Comm	150½		5.2	56.2
27½	17½	Bath Press	22½	- 1½	2.8	
450½	386½	Bemrose	396½	- 1	4.9	10.1
229½	142	Blagden	145½	- 2½	2.2	10.0
3100	2176½	Bowater Inc	2812½	+ 17½		
271½	252½	Bowater Ind	254½		1.5	18.4
745	505	Br Pourtent	508½	- 2	4.5	10.8
25½	14½	Br Thornton	15½	- 1		
148	45	Bruton Grp	62	+ 9	6.9	5.8
234	190½	Bunzl	194½		4.0	12.0
253½	166½	Capital Inds	165½		4.2	14.7
382½	273½	Cropper James	352½		1.7	
675½	343	De La Rue†	465	- 1½	8.1	9.2
257½	195½	Delyn Pack	249	- ½	3.0	15.7
75½	49½	Fairway Group	49½		13.1	11.5
229	162	Ferguson Intl	164		10.1	10.0
166½	134	Field?	141		3.3	10.1
134	64½	Havelock	85½		6.6	22.4
248½	131½	Jarvis Porter†	161½	- 2	5.1	12.9
452	302½	Low & Bonar	325½	- 2½	6.7	9.5
129½	90½	MY Holdings	99½	- 2	3.5	12.5
195½	156½	Macfarlane	158½		3.2	16.4
107½	29½	Mono Gp	136½		5.7	10.1
575	406½	Photobition	525	- 11	1.7	
179½	150½	Physt?	151	- ½	5.4	12.1
33	19½	Porter Chadbrn	24	- 1	4.0	7.8
371	252	REXAM	253½	- 3	7.0	18.2
557½	474	St Ives Gp	479½	- 2	2.7	16.2
605½	403	Saico	548½	- 8½	3.4	
3½	1½	Send	1½	- ¼		
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PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200½	121	MFI	135	- 2	4.3	13.1
536	458½	Marks Spencer†	498	- 6	3.3	18.6
545	435	Menzies (John)	448½		5.9	11.6
27½	22½	Merchant Retail†	26		1.2	18.7
297	231	Moss Bros	235	- 1	2.6	16.4
754½	522½	Next†	678½	- 25½	2.8	22.0
42	27½	Owen (G)	37			
535	467	Owthorne Intl	485		3.3	
74½	69½	Partridge Fine	74½		5.6	13.2
40½	28½	PC Hdgs	35½			
337½	258½	Reveys	260		3.8	14.1
142½	72½	Saxe Group†	74½	+ 1	11.9	5.8
95½	65½	Scarcl	67		7.4	16.5
36½	20½	Signet Group	31			10.6
484½	357½	Smith WH	357½	- 12	5.4	
1110	910	Sotheby's	955	- 10	2.5	
305½	188½	Storehouse†	189½	- 2	5.4	11.7
150	107	Stylo	125		4.5	34.1
202½	153½	T & S Stores	154		6.3	9.2
298½	143	Thorn	172		10.2	12.4
379½	137½	Tie Rack	141	+ 1½	3.0	13.2
340	205½	UNO	270	- 2½	2.0	32.1
4	3	Upton & Southn	3½			15.4
549½	436½	Vendome	447½	- 1½	3.0	16.5
26	9½	WEW Group	9½			7.9
417½	172½	Wickes	172	- ½		
149½	70½	Wid of Leather	115½		2.2	23.9
313½	232½	Wyevale	277		2.8	19.9

SUPPORT SERVICES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1957½	1300	ADT	1957½			
535	386	AEA Tech	403½	- 11½	2.6	20.3
114	95½	Alpha Airports	95½		6.6	11.6
45	34½	Alphameric	43½	- ½		27.5
307½	254	Allen W?	295½	- 3½	3.0	..
188½	127½	BNB Res	132	- ½	6.9	6.7
457½	294½	BPP	417½	- 2½	3.9	12.3
182½	95	BSM	107½		8.8	5.0
699	416	BTG	631		0.2	
89½	68½	Brooks Service	84½		5.2	12.8
510	449	Business Post	450		2.9	
1327½	840	CMG	1312½	- 6	2.6	46.0
250½	222½	CRT Gp	239½		2.2	30.1
805	590	Capita Gp	667½	- 7½	1.5	65
275½	161½	Capita Group?	225½	+ 7	0.8	49.9
9	6½	Chemex	6½		3.0	11.9
465	308	Chubb Sec	446½	+ 3	2.4	21.8
256	172½	Corp Services	185½	- 1	3.3	15.8
58½	27½	Coutts Consltg	28½		10.1	9.1
346	217½	DCC Gp	325½	- 45	0.8	18.4
272½	232½	Davis Service	258½		5.9	14.3
910	730	Delphi	750	- 1½	1.0	22.7
390	290	Dorgreal?	335	+ 5		43.6
252	170	Dudley Jenkins	220½	- 1	2.2	20.6
79½	37	Elit Fact	43½		5.7	5.9
100	67½	El Data Prc	68½		4.1	14.4
602	479	FI Group	522		1.1	42.3
593	515	Hays	571	- 6½	1.9	22.7
313½	194½	Hogg Robinson	214½	+ 1	5.9	
1005	530	JBA Hldgs†	879		0.7	42.5
295	221½	Johnson Clean	240	+ 1	6.1	9.8
114½	69	Kalamazoo	77½	- 3	6.9	8.0
647	521½	Kewill Sys	646		1.9	
37½	15½	Laser-Scan	17½	- 2		26.6
278½	156½	Lavendon	240½	+ 3	1.8	13.5
125½	105½	Leigh	123	- 3½	4.1	17.5
1067½	687½	Logica	632½		1.5	24.2
425	312½	Lowen	323½		2.9	27.5
115½	95½	Lynx Hldgs†	95	- ½	3.4	15.7
62	20	MDIS	23½			
632	490	MMT Compt	490	- 5	2.4	19.7
104½	85	MR Group	92½	- 6	4.6	17.4
492½	360	Mann 4	360	- 5	9.6	9.9
92½	47½	Mentmore Abbey	50		1.5	
1882½	913½	Micro Focus	1812½	+ 2½		
178½	146½	Microgen	162½	- 1	6.0	10.8
1427½	1065	Misys	1362½		1.0	28.8
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ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	84½	Abacus Recruit	102½	.	0.6	19.8
214	170	Cala Ins	214	+ 2½	1.4	16.5
230	153½	Country Gdns†	187½	- 7½	1.1	17.4
352½	180	Dawson Hldgs	195	..	3.1	18.8
51½	36	Freecages	36½	- ½	..	..
99½	88½	Megalomedia†	97½		0.3	
65	33½	Mooney Corp	34½			
590	280	Pusan Rail	280	- 1		
1255	945	Ramco Engy	1067½	- 5	0.1	
783	619½	Southern News	735	- 1½	3.1	23.8
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
510	410	Surrey Fr Ins	474	- 1	0.7	32.8
60½	34	Trocadero	30½		..	..

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The gaffe

The job was for an experienced criminal advocate, and the candidate was doing quite well at his interview. Then came the terminal *faux pas*. Asked what his strengths and weaknesses were, he replied: "I prepare well for the hearing, but I tend to fall apart in court."

Not all gaffes are so obvious. Some are difficult to avoid. Another candidate was impressing her interviewers with an account of her marketing skills. She was one of her firm's most notable work-getters, and seemed to have an innate talent for selling herself. When asked why she was leaving, however, she said she was being made redundant due to lack of work. What else could she say? But as she uttered the words she saw her sales pitch damaged beyond recovery.

Questions about your intentions should pose no problems. Your duty to be honest does not require you to trip yourself up. But some candidates seem prone to self-toppling. A newly-qualified solicitor was reporting back enthusiastically about his interview with a niche entertainment firm, unaware that he'd probably blown it. Asked about his career goals, he'd told them that he would probably move in-house in a couple of years. "Did I say the wrong thing?"

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Michael Chambers

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Solr/barr 1-4 yrs' pqe required to join international consumer goods company. Role involves contract drafting and negotiation, managing the IP portfolio and advising on marketing and advertising.

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Opportunity for solicitor c. 2-3 years' pqe to join innovative pharmaceutical company. Working closely with the company secretary, you will be advising on commercial contracts, IP and employment issues.

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Leading City shipping firm seeks 4-5 year qualified dry shipping lawyer to join their small Shanghai office. Must have real practice development skills.

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Commercial Litigation: London
Niche practice seeks all round litigator c. 3 years' pqe to provide variety of litigation services to commercial and property company clients.

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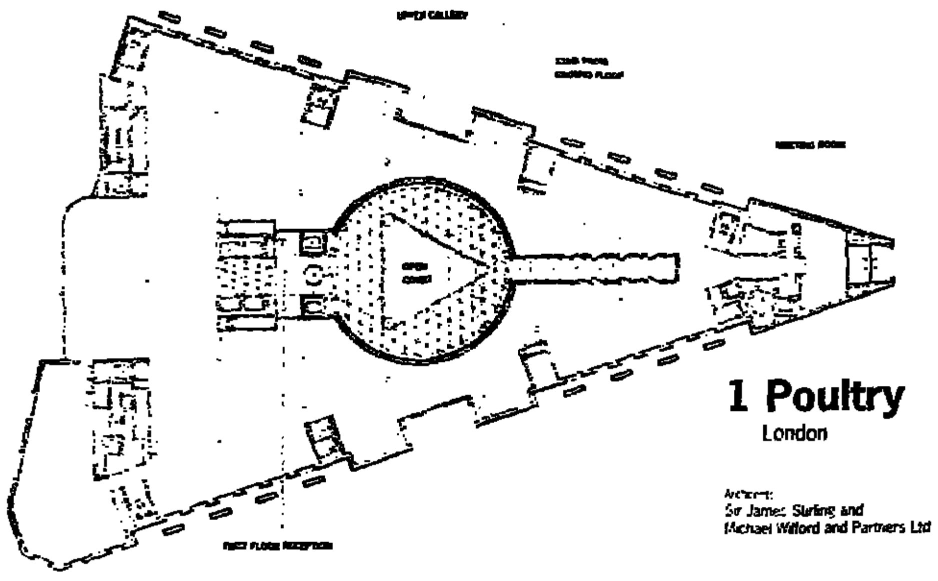

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Britain will no longer fly the Union Flag in Hong Kong; now it is more than ever up to the former colony's Bar to fight for citizens' rights

The former colony's legal system is good, says **Daniel Brennan, QC**, but vigilance is required

Hong Kong's great hope

The rule of law is vital to the wellbeing of any society. Hong Kong is no exception. And the more so, now that it has become a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China. The territory has produced two unqualified achievements. Hong Kong has become one of the world's great financial centres. That success has been based on a high-quality legal system. International financial confidence has been nurtured by a local determination to preserve the rule of law. What now is the future of its legal system?

The Joint Declaration of 1984 and the Basic Law provide that it should be maintained as it is at present. Under the Basic Law, the SAR will exercise "a high degree of autonomy" and have "independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication". The communist system shall not be practised "and the previous capitalist system and way of life shall remain unchanged for 50 years". The legal framework, with its common law foundation, is to be maintained.

Will these constitutional undertakings offer practical protection to the system of justice? Above all, the judiciary must be independent and free of interference. Appointments are to be made by a judicial appointments commission. This is an independent body and must remain so. Judicial selection has to be on merit.

So far, the prospects are good. Andrew Li, QC, a distinguished lawyer and highly respected member of Hong Kong's legal community, is the new Chief Justice. The appointment has been met with great relief. He will add stature and international credibility to the new court system. The Court of Final Appeal replaces the Privy Council as the court of final adjudication. Uniquely, the court may invite judges from other common law jurisdictions to sit. It faces fundamental decisions. Either from the criminal law or by way of judicial review, there will surely be a claim that the temporary Legislative Assembly is unconstitutional either as to past acts, or as to its role pending the elections set for 1998. At whatever level, the judges must be free of any political pressure from the legislature or the executive.

The wave of political and legislative activity has placed great demands on the Bar of Hong Kong. Traditionally, they have taken a leading role in debate and advice on legislation, especially that affecting human rights and the legal system. The community has come to expect it of them. Their commitment to the preservation of democratic rights and legal principles should engender admiration and humility in those of us who may well take our own enjoyment of such rights for granted. Their present role will continue.

Audrey Eu, QC, the leader of the Hong Kong Bar, is a determined advocate of an independent legal system. Margaret Ng on the Legislative Council has been tireless in the almost daily review of proposed legislative changes, especially the controversy surrounding the Public Order and Societies ordinances.

Gladys Li, QC, is stalwart in her defence of individual human rights. As an executive council member of the International Commission of Jurists, her importance in protecting human rights is central.

Protecting those rights will be the touchstone of success in the new system. Articles 25 to 42 of the Basic Law in effect set out a Bill of Rights. Equality before the law, freedom of speech, association, demonstration, and trade union membership with the right to strike are all preserved. Trial by jury and all present rights and principles of the criminal law system continue. Freedom of the press is to continue.

But is the press to print what is thought politically appropriate or that which the journalist wishes to print? (Recently, a senior member of the New China News Agency, the Chinese Communist Party's agency in Hong Kong, was appointed an adviser to *The South China Morning Post*.)

The right to public demonstration may now be controlled on the grounds of "national security". That is defined as "the safeguarding of territorial integrity and the independence of the Republic". So, in future, demonstrations may be forbidden even when there is no threat to public order or safety. Is the issue of "national security" reviewable by the courts and in particular the Court of Final Appeal? If litigated before that court, will Article 158 of the Basic Law allow the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to implement its power of interpretation of the Basic Law because "national security" is not a matter "within the limits of the autonomy of the region"?

A vital factor in future access to justice will be legal aid. The Legal Aid Department is efficient and is now reviewing whether it should be an independent body. In any event, the funding of legal aid must be protected.

> The people have come to regard the legal system as a fundamental protection

Preserving the rule of law is of crucial importance to Hong Kong's future. The people of the former colony face that future with a mixture of public confidence and private apprehension of the unknown. They have come to regard the legal system as a fundamental protection. At government level, Britain has the 1984 treaty obligation to ensure that China honours the Basic Law, and, in particular, Article 39 incorporating the provisions of the Internatonal Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. But at the level of daily life, it is the lawyers in Hong Kong who will be vigilant to guard against the erosion of civil rights and any undermining of the legal system. Britain, in general, and our lawyers in particular, should support them.

Next week: Hopes and fears of law firms in Hong Kong

When sexuality should not matter

In Luxembourg next week the European Court of Justice will hear oral argument on whether discrimination by employers against homosexuals and lesbians is a breach of European Union law.

Lisa Grant, a clerical worker employed by South West Trains, was refused a concessionary travel pass for her female partner. There is no dispute that had she been married to, or living with, a man, a travel pass would have been issued. Ms Grant began legal proceedings, claiming to be the victim of sex discrimination. Her employer responded that the discrimination was lawful because it was on the ground of her sexual orientation, not on the ground of her sex. The industrial tribunal in Southampton considered that important questions of law arose and so referred the dispute to the European Court for a decision.

Sex discrimination by employers in relation to pay, other benefits and working conditions is prohibited by Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome and by Directive 76/207. In recent cases, the European Court has adopted a liberal approach to the concept of sex discrimination. It has decided that employers act unlawfully if they dismiss a woman employee because she is pregnant even if a male employee with an incapacitating condition would have been dismissed. The court has also ruled that the concept of sex discrimination applies where a transsexual employee is dismissed because he or she is undergoing sex-reassignment surgery.

COUNSEL

DAVID PANNICK QC

The case for the applicant is simple. If Ms Grant were a man, her current female partner would have received the travel pass. Similarly, if Ms Grant's current partner were male, rather than female, there would be no problem. Therefore, sex is the cause of the detriment of which Ms Grant complains.

The case for the employer is that such an analysis ignores a crucial aspect of the practical reality. The difference in treatment is based not on sex but on sexual orientation. A male employee who is homosexual and a female employee who is lesbian are treated in the same way. Neither receives travel benefits for their same-sex partners. The employer contends that it is entitled to treat a homosexual or lesbian relationship less favourably than a heterosexual one.

The application of sex discrimination law to issues of sexual orientation has been considered by the United States Court of Appeals. In 1979, in *De Santis v Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co*, the Ninth Circuit rejected the argument that discrimination against homosexuals breached Title VII of the Civil Rights Act 1964 because "if a male employee prefers males as sexual partners, he will be treated differently from a female who prefers male partners". The court accepted the employer's argument that it applied the same test whether dealing with men or women in that "it will not hire or promote a person who prefers sexual partners of the same sex".

That judgment illustrates that a court's conclusion on this legal issue depends on how the problem is analysed. The employer's defence to Ms Grant's claim (that the cause of the detriment is not her sex but her sexual orientation) is superficially attractive. However, this defence will probably not appeal to the European Court of Justice.

There are two main reasons for that. First, the court's judgments on pregnancy and transsexuals decline to adopt a narrow interpretation of sex discrimination which focuses on whether men and women are treated in an equally disadvantageous way in defined respects. Instead, the court looks to whether the detriment flows from a sexual characteristic. Since the court found that pregnancy and transsexualism are factors "based, essentially if not exclusively, on the sex of the person concerned", it is probable that it will conclude similarly in relation to sexual orientation.

Secondly, the court's judgment in the 1996 transsexual case of *P v S and Cornwall County Council* stated that there is a fundamental right to equal treatment of men and women. To tolerate discrimination against transsexuals would, in the court's judgment, amount to "a failure to respect the dignity and freedom to which he or she is entitled, and which the court has a duty to safeguard". Similar reasoning can easily be applied to the discrimination against Ms Grant and her partner.

Ms Grant deserves to succeed in Luxembourg, not just because her employers are impeding her fundamental right to a private life free from interference, but also because sex discrimination law is designed to rebut Sigmund Freud's assertion that "anatomy is destiny".

The train operator is penalising Ms Grant for living with a woman rather than with a man. The purpose of the law relating to sex discrimination is precisely to prevent employers from acting on their views of biological or cultural differences between the sexes. If there is one basic principle of sex equality law, it is that Ms Grant is entitled to be treated by her employer as an individual, without regard to her sex.

● The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

Another hobbyhorse for Mitchell

LAWYERS, watch out. Austin Mitchell, scourge in the 1980s of solicitors' near-monopoly of conveyancing, is back in business, looking at legal aid. Legal aid certificates are just another type of voucher, the Labour MP for Great Grimsby says, and, like the Tories' aborted nursery voucher scheme, should be abolished. His remarks will infuriate and terrify solicitors and barristers.

Mr Mitchell has led a campaign for years for a national salaried legal service. Buoyed by reports that the Government wants a more radical than expected overhaul of legal aid, he is urging it to take on the Bar Council and the Law Society to end the system's dependence on private lawyers. He says: "Labour must have the guts to take on the lawyers, to get our spending priorities right. The professions will pull strings to take the heat off them, but new Labour can prove it is not the lawyers' puppet."

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Anderson shock

CLIVE ANDERSON, the talk show host and barrister, is turning serious. He is to be the moderator in *Hypotheticals*, the award-winning series which returns to BBC2 on July 25, 26 and 27. Mr Anderson will moderate the first in the series, on the ethics of small businesses — asking how far people will tolerate sexual harassment and racism to safeguard profits.

Talk fest

CHINA is sending a five-strong delegation from the Supreme People's Court, led by the Vice-President, Liu Jiachen, to attend the *Law and Justice — where now?* tenth anniversary conference from July 27 to August 1. It is attracting lawyers and judges from around the world: one of the latest to sign up is Justice Stephen Breyer from the US Supreme Court.

● Details: Blair Communications, 0171-722 9731

DIY boost

THE growing do-it-yourself band of litigants taking their cases to court had a boost last week when Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, spoke at the launch of *Taking your Own Legal Action* (Straightforward Publishing, £9.99). The book, by Laurence Kingsley, is a user-friendly guide to help people through the minefield of civil court rules and procedures, whether as plaintiffs or defendants.

Lord Woolf said: "Litigants in person will find this book of immense help in the process of conducting their own action."

● Judge Richard May, a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit, has been elected by the UN General Assembly to serve for four years on the International Criminal Tribunal, dealing with war crimes arising from the former Yugoslavia.

At Glastonbury: the foundation's Michael Grimes, left

Lawyers are so hip

LAWYERS took on a new role last week when they set up a stand at the Glastonbury Festival to raise awareness of legal rights. The idea came from Tony Thorpe of the Citizenship Foundation and Matthew McKaig, the Law Society's southwest regional secretary. A society spokesman says: "We are pleased with the results. Though the event turned into a sea of mud, we had a steady flow of people with queries ranging from how to divorce, housing problems and drugs issues."

Celebration

GEORGE CARMAN, QC, was not the only lawyer with cause to celebrate the victory of Guardian Newspapers over Jonathan Aitken. The London media law firm Olswang was also opening a few bottles.

Geraldine Proudler, the solicitor who led the legal team acting for *The Guardian*, is one of its partners. Mr Aitken is the fourth consecutive bringer of a libel action against the newspaper to suffer defeat at the hands of Miss Proudler and her team, assistant solicitors Debbie Ashenhurst and Joel Barry, and a trainee, Linda Francis.

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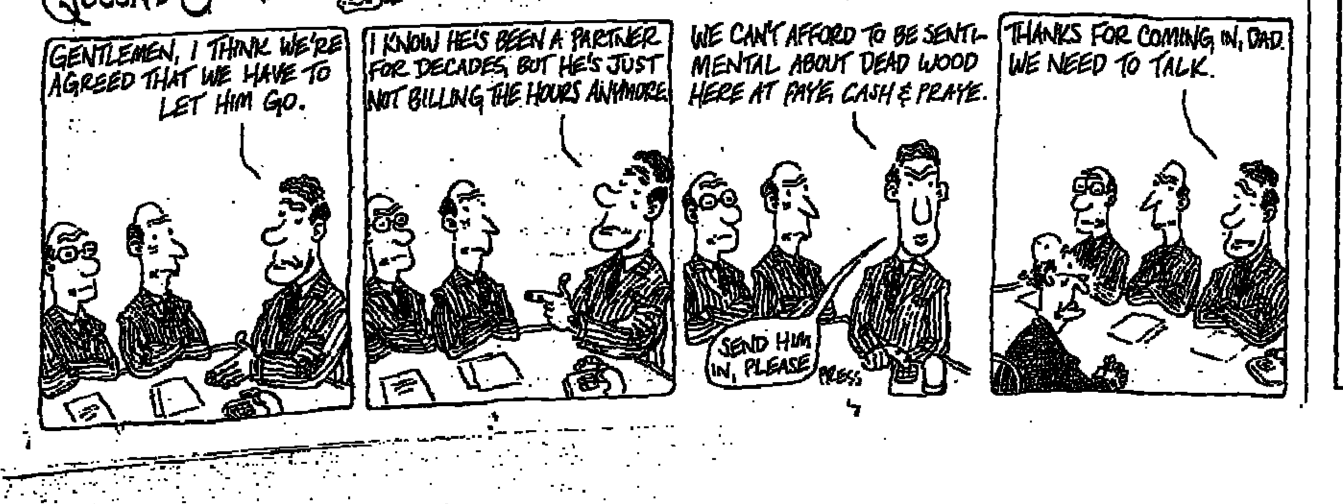
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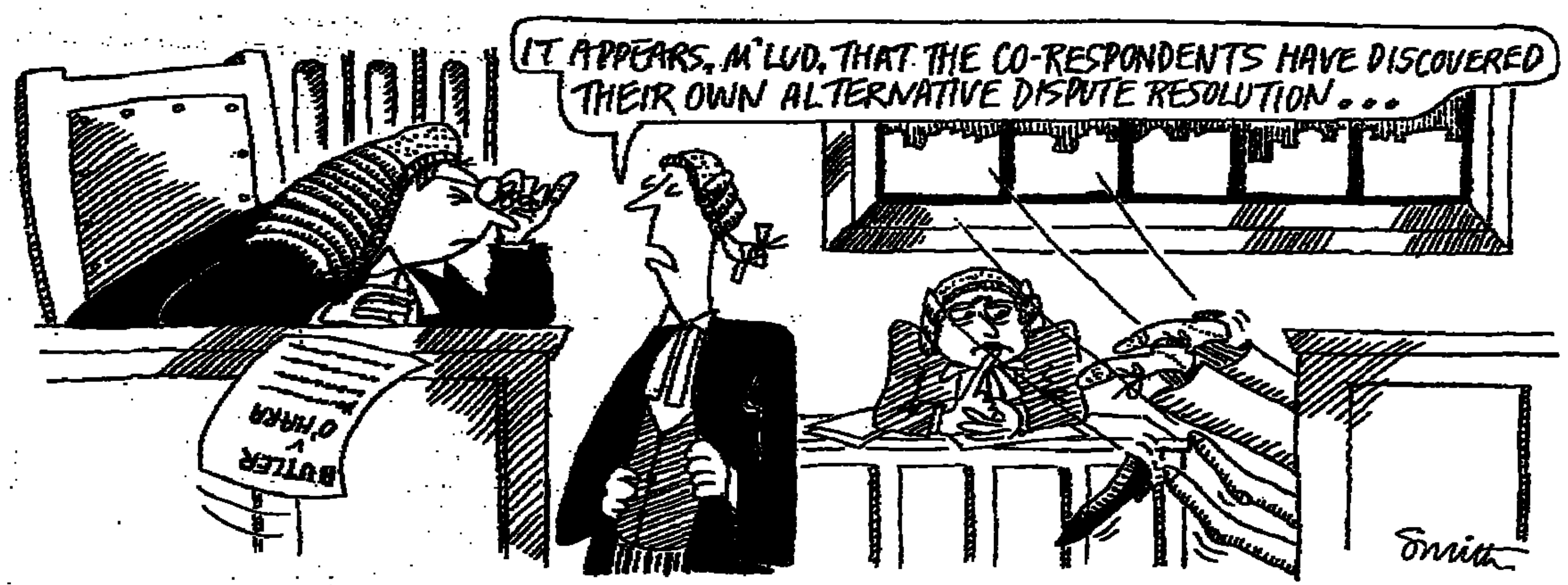
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Is it the end of the affair?

As mediation starts to succeed litigation abroad, **Frances Gibb** sees a similar trend here

The love affair between lawyers and litigation is finally cooling. In the latest sign that the traditional adversarial game is on the way out, S.J. Berwin, one of the City's best-known litigation firms, today launches an innovative service for clients. The firm's alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services unit will entice its commercial clients away from court battles and instead offer them mediation as a way of settling their disputes.

The new unit can claim something of a coup. David Shapiro, one of the big mediation names in the US, is to be co-director, along with David Harrel, the firm's senior partner. Mr Shapiro says: "Whether or not the English legal profession likes it, mediation is here to stay."

Britain will come under the same pressure as America, he says, to find solutions other than litigation. Twenty-five years ago, ADR was in its infancy in America. "Faced with thousands of asbestos, breast implant and other product liability cases," he adds, "US judges insisted that the parties attempt in good faith to resolve their disputes by mediation. And corporate clients, overcoming their initial resistance, got the idea."

"They found that disputes were resolved in days, weeks or, at worst, months, but not years — and at a fraction of the cost of preparing for trial and then — usually — settling at the court door.

"As a result," he says, "most American courts now have rules that require cases to go to mediation before they can be listed for trial."

Berwin's new unit includes seven litigation specialists from each part of the firm's corporate practice. Two, including Mr Shapiro, are themselves also trained mediators, although outside mediators would be used for any mediation involving the firm's clients. All, including Tim Taylor, the head of litigation, will be mediation advocates and will be with the client at the mediation process to put their case.

Shapiro, left, and Lord Woolf: advocates of greater use of mediation

Mr Taylor says: "Our clients are finding that litigation is an expensive and bruising experience and are asking whether there is an alternative. We can now provide them with a service that offers a different way."

Mediation has taken off elsewhere. In Canada and Australia it is an automatic first step. Here it is still in its infancy. But some key moves are forcing an end to the slug-it-out litigation culture. Last summer Lord Woolf, in his landmark civil justice report, advocated greater use of mediation. Courts should take into account, he says, whether parties have unreasonably refused to try ADR.

There was also a practice direction from Mr Justice Waller in the commercial court on June 7, urging judges to encourage parties to try ADR. And Judge Butter is heading a mediation experiment in the Central London County Court. The success rate there has been 60 per cent, although only a small percentage of cases opt for ADR. But in the commercial court, 30 per cent of cases — and the figure is rising — are going to mediation.

Enthusiasm is growing. Mr Shapiro, who retired last year from the US law firm Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin, where he was a founding partner, is an accredited mediator with the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and mediation lecturer at the London School of Economics. Now based in the UK, he came here a year ago to set up the European branch of JAMS Endispute, America's biggest mediation practice, handling 17,000 disputes a year of all sizes.

He still encounters a fear that mediation means that "litigators will go broke". But many cases, he argues, will never be suitable for mediation and even if they are, mediation will not always succeed. Where mediation does work, it can mean more, not less work. He explains: "The clients fall in love with their lawyers because their time and money has been saved, and they come back again."

There is also ignorance about mediation, the process of negotiating a settlement through a neutral intermediary. He says: "The mediator guides the negotiation process, advising, listening, helping them to reach a 'win win' solution, or one that all parties can live with.." In litigation, he says, lawyers kick off "Chicago-style", demanding £10 million and the other side counters with an offer of £100,000. They inch themselves forward in an "oriental rug auction", not wanting to show weakness.

But if some lawyers are chary, judges are keen. Mr Shapiro has been involved in teaching judges at both a special CEDR seminar for High Court judges and for other judiciary held by the Judicial Studies Board. It is crucial, he says, for the judges to take a lead in pushing ADR because if it comes from them, there is no stigma, or fear of seeming weak, attaching to the parties.

Other law firms are looking at Berwin's intentions. "We hope," Mr Taylor says, "that they will follow suit, so that a culture of mediation is created, and high-quality, successful mediations become the norm."

Legal aid must give good value

Geoff Hoon outlines the Government's thinking on how to cut a £1.5 billion bill

Harold Wilson once remarked that "one man's wage increase is another man's price increase". He was not thinking about legal aid, but the words are apt. The legal aid paid to lawyers has meant that the price charged to taxpayers has more than doubled over the past six years to £1.5 billion. And the price per case is still rising ahead of inflation.

The undeniable fact is that the system for paying lawyers is not under the kind of control we take for granted in other vital areas. One aspect of this runaway expenditure that causes outrage is the high cost of some cases. The top 1 per cent of civil cases use up 14 per cent of civil legal aid and in crime, the top 1 per cent of jury trials cost about 40 per cent of the total spent. The outcry that provokes grows when the people involved seem to be wealthy.

Hoon: prices fear

Steps to tackle the problem will continue to be taken. Among the most successful has been the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Set up in 1996 to investigate the finances of apparently wealthy people in civil cases, its achievements are clear. Of the 211 investigations carried out by the end of March this year, 203 resulted in no legal aid being granted. We must expand the unit's brief quickly to protect the taxpayers' pocket in criminal cases. That is why the Legal Aid Board has now agreed to pull out all the stops to extend the unit's investigation to criminal cases by next summer.

The board has also been quick to learn lessons from notorious cases, such as Dr Hashim's unsuccessful attempt to defend fraud allegations, which could cost the taxpayer £4 million. Not only would the unit now investigate such a case, but the board now sets limits on how long emergency legal aid can last before eligibility is established. It also sets limits on how much work can be done and on expenses incurred by a solicitor without informing the board. Uncomfortable experiences, such as the Hashim case, have also led the board to seek independent legal advice more often on the merits of cases rather than relying on the opinion of the party's own lawyer.

At the centre of the Government's concerns are not just cases like that of Dr Hashim but also multiparty actions. The Benzodiazapine litigation, for example, cost almost £40 million and achieved little for those involved. Because the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, is determined to cut out such waste, he insists thinking already in train about ways of controlling high-cost cases should continue while the more general review of legal aid is being undertaken by Sir Peter Middleton. The first fruit of that was the publication last week of the board's consultation paper, *When the Price is High*.

To discourage lawyers from running weak cases, the board suggests they shoulder part of the risk of losing by being paid less when that happens. To keep costs down, the board also proposes that lawyers should bid for cases, and that price should be a factor in deciding which lawyer takes it on, an innovation in the law which is commonplace elsewhere in life. And to gain a firmer grip still, the winner of the bid would enter a detailed contract with the board, which would include price ceilings, and which could be monitored as the case progressed.

The board's paper raises important issues on which it would be premature for the Government to take a view until both consultations on it and, more importantly, Sir Peter Middleton's wider review of legal aid have been completed. That said, the paper is a valuable contribution to the debate. If anyone wants their views on high-cost civil cases to be taken into account, once Sir Peter has reported in autumn, they would be well advised to respond to the paper promptly. Those responses will also inform consultations on high-cost criminal cases later this year.

No one should doubt the Government's determination to see legal aid providing good value for taxpayers and good quality services for those citizens who need help. But to achieve that, we must get a firm grip on prices charged by lawyers. If we believe that justice is beyond value, it is vital that we make it affordable.

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BOXING: BIG MONEY BACKING DISGRACED HEAVYWEIGHT

Why Tyson must not be allowed in the ring again

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN LAS VEGAS

GARY HERSHORN

Tyson and King, in happier times, celebrating a victory for the former champion

EVEN with the memory of Mike Tyson's disgraceful actions in the ring fresh in one's mind, there is much talk in boxing circles about his next fight, which would be expected to exceed $100 million in purses, $35 million more than he and Evander Holyfield shared on Saturday here at the MGM Grand Garden.

"Everybody loves a bad guy," one American journalist said. "They want to see what Tyson will do next. That's why the next fight will be even more successful."

If this depressing view is correct, and there is every reason to think that it could be, as big money can get around any problem, it would be a sad commentary on the administrators and promoters of the sport.

While the sight of Tyson tearing off a piece of Holyfield's ear might seem amusing to hardened boxing fans who revel in the sport's seediness, it violated the sensibilities of ordinary lovers of sport. As Jim Thomas, Holyfield's attorney and adviser, said: "I felt embarrassed to have been involved in something so unseemly."

Dr Carole Lieberman, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles, and psychiatrist to numerous sportsmen and women, said in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* yesterday: "I think he [Tyson] acts on his impulse in much the way a six-year-old would. In this case he wasn't getting his way so he had a temper tantrum and acted upon his basic instincts."

Is this the kind of role model that boxing wants young people to admire? Don Turner, Holyfield's trainer, believes that some damage has already been done. "All Tyson's behaviour in the ring will do is encourage kids to buy rap records about biting off ears," he said.

Clearly, Don King, Tyson's promoter, who for once did not want any publicity and was not available for comment, will be fighting Tyson's corner at the inquiry into the events of Saturday by the Nevada State Athletic Commission. From his post-fight comments, King did not think that Tyson had done anything particularly reprehensible.

Even if he wanted to, he would find it impossible to bring Tyson under control, especially when the view of John Horne, Tyson's co-manager, is considered. "All I know is Mike's got a cut over his eye three inches long and Evander's got a little nip on his ear that don't mean nothing," Horne said. "He [Holyfield] jumped around like a little bitch, that's what he did."

The MGM and other casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City will no doubt be examining the profitability of Tyson fights. Will they make more money from his contests, regardless of the damage they risk being caused to their hotels, or from families who come to relive the Wizard of Oz and other fantasy experiences at their hotels?

After the Tyson-Holyfield fight, the scene outside the MGM was reminiscent of an action movie. Suddenly, the street was full of shrieking police sirens, people being taken to hospital on stretchers and policemen dodging about behind parked cars with guns at the ready. The MGM must have lost millions as its gaming sections and other facilities had to shut down for the night when boxing fans panicked and stampeded through the hotel on Saturday.

Despite this, Dennis Dahl, of MGM's Sportsbook [the hotel bookmaker], said Holyfield-Tyson III would be a huge success. "People love controversy and how much more controversial an ending can you get than this?" Dahl said. "I wish it weren't that way, but controversy sells tickets. If they fought again, a lot of people would come to town and there would be long lines at the betting window. If that ever happened, we'd be talking about a huge handle, believe me."

All this brought to mind the words of Steven Spielberg, who said about making films: "Once it used to be 'what if', and now it is 'what the heck'."

Dr Ferdie Pacheco, the fight analyst for Showtime, the television company behind Tyson, is right in saying: "Where there's big money, there's big forgiveness and big amnesia, then we can guess that the MGM's decision might well be, what the heck."

That is why the Nevada State Athletic Commission should see that Tyson never boxes again.

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RUGBY UNION: TWO NEW CAPS AS WOUNDED SPRINGBOKS TRY FINAL GAMBLE

South Africa shuffle the pack

FROM DAVID HANDS
IN VANDERBIJLPARK

SOUTH AFRICA, devastated by the loss of the international series with the British Isles, have revised the pack that all but won them the second international in Durban last Saturday. They will take two newcomers into the third and final international at Ellis Park, in Johannesburg, this Saturday and four forwards have fallen by the way.

Injuries account for the absence of the experienced Mark Andrews and Ruben Kruger, but Adrian Garvey and Naka Drotske have been dropped from the front row. In addition, Henry Honiball, the Natal stand-off half, has gone and his place goes to Jannie de Beer, who has hovered on the brink of Springbok selection for the past two years.

Carel du Plessis, the beleaguered coach, will yet again face criticism for the omission from midfield of Hennie le Roux, and he will start his fourth international in charge with yet another goalkicker — against Tonga and the Lions in Cape Town, Edrich Lubbe was first choice. Honiball and Percival Montgomery shared the duty in Durban and now de Beer will take over.

De Beer, 26, played for the Free State against the Lions in Bloemfontein last week and kicked all but one of his goals though, after Neil Jenkins's immaculate 15-point display, which won the Lions the second international, the Springboks are closing the stable door with the horse long gone. De Beer will be joined by another new cap from the Free State, Johan Erasmus, on the flank with Krynauw Otto replacing Andrews at lock.

James Dalton, the fiery Gauteng hooker, returns for his fifteenth cap instead of Drotske and Dawie Theron, a replacement in Durban, retains the place at tight-head prop ahead of Garvey.

Ironically, Fran Cotton, the Lions manager and an epitome of confidence, admitted yesterday that he had believed the series would stand at 1-1 when it entered its final week. Hence the need for management and players to redefine their objectives, in the light of their success in Durban.

The players have resolved not to let slip the standards that they have imposed upon themselves and to finish with a flourish, against Northern Free State at Welkom today and against the Springboks in Johannesburg. It is the kind of cold, down-to-earth analysis that has helped the Lions to their remarkable success.

Whatever Cotton may achieve within rugby union in future, as administrator or policy-maker, it is unlikely to surpass what he has done in his passionate conviction that the Lions must be sustained as a force for good, not only in northern-hemisphere rugby, but in a global context.

The party has been swamped with messages of congratulation from various rugby organisations in Britain and Ireland, and from the All England tennis club at Wimbledon, where two other home favourites, Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, dug themselves out of difficulties over the same weekend. There has, though, been no official recognition for their achievement from the Minister for Sport, at which Cotton raised only a mildly surprised eyebrow.

"We feel the battle is now within ourselves," Cotton said. "In the last two Tests, we have been fighting for our lives. We don't have to do that any more, the battle is more a mental one. The mood in the camp is one of determination to win these last two games with the kind of rugby we have been producing all tour."

That should not be a problem in Welkom's North-West Stadium, even though today's opponents include Eric Herbert, who stands behind only Naas Botha as the most prolific points-gatherer in the history of the domestic game here.

Herbert and Jurie Jerling, at half back, form the experienced core of a Northern Free State team expected to be the weakest opponents the Lions will meet on tour. They did beat Eastern Province in their opening Currie Cup match last month but, a week later, were crushed 63-18 by Griqualand West, which is no great recommendation.

The Lions, who discounted Keith Wood, Eric Miller, Alan Tait and Richard Hill from selection because of minor injuries, will give first games to Kyran Bracken and Tony Stanger, at scrum half and right wing respectively. All being well, Stanger will rejoin the Scotland development tour tomorrow but Bracken, who arrived a fortnight ago as Robert Howley's replacement, has had to play second fiddle to the requirements of international match preparation.

Nick Beal, who has scored four tries in two games at left wing and two at full back, takes up another position, at inside centre, where he has played for Northampton.

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Stanger, who makes his first appearance for the Lions today, talks tactics with McGeechan, the head coach

TEAMS

NORTHERN FREE STATE: M Ehrentraut, R Harmse, A van Buuren, T de Beer, W Nagel, E Herbert, J Jerling (captain), K Appelgryn, O Wagener, B Nell, H Kershaw, K Heydenrich, S Nieuwenhuyzen, E Delport, M Venter

BRITISH ISLES XV: T Stimpson (Newcastle and England), A Stanger (Hawick and Scotland), A Bateman (Richmond and Wales), N Beal (Northampton and England), T Underwood (Newcastle and England), M Catt (Bath and England), K Bracken (Saracens and England); J Leonard (Harlequins and England, captain), M Regan (Bristol and England), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), R Wainwright (Watsonians / Army and Scotland), N Redman (Bath and England), S Shaw (Wasps and England), N Back (Leicester and England), A Diprose (Saracens and England)

SOUTH AFRICA (v British Isles, Saturday): A J Joubert (Natal), A H Snyman (Northern Transvaal), P Montgomery (Western Province), D van Schalkwyk (Northern Transvaal), P W G Rossouw (Western Province), J H de Beer (Free State), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal), J P Du Randt (Free State), J Dalton (Gauteng), D F Theron (Griqualand West), J C Erasmus (Free State), J J Strydom (Gauteng), K Otto (Northern Transvaal), A G Venter (Free State), G H Teichmann (Natal, captain)

Replacements: R G Bennett (Border), B Wessels (Griqualand West), W Swanepoel (Free State), A E Drotske (Free State), A C Garvey (Natal), F J van Heerden (Western Province).

SAILING

Turner's joy tempered by weather forecast

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

MARK TURNER, one of three Britons entered in the Mini-Transatlantic race this year, yesterday moved up from fourteenth to fifth place in the Mini-Fastnet race, as the 26-strong fleet sped towards the Fastnet Rock off the south-east coast of Ireland.

The double-handed race, which started on Saturday, is open only to the Mini-class 21ft boats and serves as a qualifier for the single-handed Mini-Transat, which starts later this summer. It is run over a 600-mile course, from Trebeurden, in Brittany, to the Fastnet and back again.

Turner, sailing with Fred Leclere in *Carphone Warehouse*, is giving his boat its first proper outing for over a year and was worried that predicted strong northwesterly winds expected to sweep across the fleet today could inflict a lot of damage, especially to his mast.

Turner was about 15 miles behind Pascal Fievet, of France, the race leader, and still had about 140 miles of increasingly tough conditions to reach the rock. Ellen MacArthur, Britain's other entry, sailing with her fellow Briton, Keith Willis, in *Le Poisson*, was mid-fleet in thirteenth position.

Meanwhile, John Derbyshire, Olympic racing manager for the Royal Yachting Association, said yesterday that he was much encouraged by the performance of Britain's leading dinghy sailors at Kiel Week, which ended on Sunday. Among the best results were second place overall for both Shirley Robertson, in the Europe, and Ben Ainslie in Lasers, who finished well ahead of his old rival Robert Scheidt, of Brazil.

The BT Global Challenge fleet was yesterday well on its way from Boston on the second day of the last leg of the race back to Southampton. The early leader was Andy Hindley's *Save The Children* with Chris Tibbs, in *Concert*, second and Mark Lodge, in *Motorola*, third. The race leader and likely overall winner, Mike Golding, in *Group 4*, had a poor start, but had climbed back to sixth yesterday, only a few miles behind Hindley.

FOOTBALL

Tottenham try to tempt Juninho

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ALAN SUGAR, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, yesterday concluded the first phase of his ambitious efforts to sign Juninho, the Middlesbrough midfield player, when his offer of £11 million was accepted by the Nationwide League first division club. The easy part negotiated, he now faces the more onerous task of persuading the Brazilian that his future lies at White Hart Lane.

Atlético Madrid still harbour hopes of enticing Juninho to Spain, and although their initial bid of £10 million was rejected — as was a similar approach from Manchester United — they have not lost interest. Atlético claim that Juninho, 24, has already signed a pre-contract agreement that could lead to a four-year deal worth £8 million after tax.

Middlesbrough reacted indignantly. "We hope he hasn't signed any such thing as he is our player and under contract to us," Dave Allan, a club spokesman, said. "We consider it would be illegal for him to do so. We received a written bid of £11 million from Spurs and that has been accepted. It is now up to them to agree personal terms with the player."

That may prove difficult. Juninho would prefer a move to Spain, where he believes it will be easier for him to regain favour with Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach. "Italian and Spanish football is shown non-stop on TV here," Juninho, who is on holiday at his home in Brazil, said. "The English game isn't."

Sugar and Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, spoke with Oswaldo, Juninho's father and adviser, at the weekend. Francis was prepared to travel to São Paulo for further negotiations but may now wait until tomorrow, when Juninho is due to return to England for pre-season training with Middlesbrough.

"We've not yet spoken to the player but we're on stand-by to fly out to Brazil if need be," Daniel Sugar, the Tottenham operations manager, said. "We're delighted our offer has been accepted ... It shows how serious we are about challenging for honours."

However, some supporters remain unconvinced, viewing the bid as no more than a cosmetic exercise after the sale of Teddy Sheringham to Manchester United last week. "If it's true, and the deal goes through, it's fantastic," Joff Wild, of the Tottenham Action Group, said, "but if we're being taken for a ride again, it's a serious mistake."

Gianfranco Zola, the Italy and Chelsea striker, may leave Stamford Bridge at the end of next season. He wants to conclude his playing days with Cagliari in Sardinia, where he was born.

"Footballers need motivation to exist and it is for this reason I have decided to finish my career with Cagliari," Zola, who has a contract at Chelsea until 2000, said yesterday.

Szabolcs Safar, the goalkeeper who has been capped six times by Hungary, will travel to London this week for contract negotiations with West Ham United, pending a transfer from Vasas, his Budapest club.

Bobby Robson has accepted demotion to general manager with Barcelona. He has been replaced as head coach by Louis van Gaal.

Bullivant engaged

TERRY BULLIVANT moved from Barnet to become manager of Reading yesterday. He conducted final negotiations with the Nationwide League first division club from a telephone box on a beach in Minorca, where he was on holiday (Russell Kempson writes).

Bullivant, 40, is joined at Elm Park by Alan Pardew, the Barnet midfield player, who takes over as reserve-team coach.

Mike Sheron, the Stoke City striker, is expected to sign for Queens Park Rangers for £2.5 million today. Gareth Farrelly, the Ireland and Aston Villa midfield player, is to complete his move to Everton for £1.5 million. It will be the first signing made by Howard Kendall, the new Everton manager.

Chris Waddle is likely to join Sheffield United, Kendall's former club, in a coaching role alongside Nigel Spackman, the caretaker manager, this week.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When you have a choice of two lines of play, isolating where one line gains or loses over the other will enable you to decide which is better. This is a hand from the 1996 Olympiad.

Dealer South   Love all   IMPs

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             ♠ A K 3
             ♥ A
             ♦ A Q J 6 2
             ♣ A Q 8 5
♠ 5 4 2          N          ♠ J 6
♥ J 10 9 3 2   W   E        ♥ K 8 7 6 5
♦ 10 4           S          ♦ 8 7
♣ 10 6 2                    ♣ K J 9 3
             ♠ Q 10 9 8 7
             ♥ Q 4
             ♦ K 9 5 3
             ♣ 7 4
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Contract: Seven Spades by South. Lead: jack of hearts.

There has been no opposition bidding. At the table the declarer cashed the ace and king of spades, in case East had Jxxx, drew trumps and took a club finesse, to go two off. Clearly declarer thought the entry problems to the South hand were such that it was not possible to arrange a heart ruff, and thus avoid having to take the club finesse.

But John Armstrong pointed out to me that another possibility is to play the ace of spades and a spade to the queen. With the jack of spades falling, declarer can now ruff a heart with the king of spades, return to hand with the king of diamonds and draw trumps. Now there are thirteen tricks without the club finesse.

If you pass the first test of noticing that there are indeed two lines of play, how do you decide which is better? Playing the ace of spades and a spade to the queen gains against the line taken at the table when the jack of spades is doubleton and the king of clubs is wrong. It loses when East has Jxxx of spades and the king of clubs is with West. The two locations of the king of clubs are each 50%, so the problem reduces itself to asking which is more likely, spades 3-2 with either hand holding jack doubleton, or spades 4-1 with East having Jxxx.

I give the exact calculation below, but a rough and ready approach is to say that Jx is about half of the 3-2 breaks, and Jxxx with East is about half the 4-1 breaks. As a 3-2 break is more than twice as likely as a 4-1 break, the better line is ace of spades and low to the queen.

The numbers: a 3-2 break is 68%, and Jx is two fifths of that, or about 27%; a 4-1 break is 28%, and Jxxx with East is one half times four fifths of that, or about 11%.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ALOCASIA
a. A tropical plant
b. Inability to locate
c. The Middle East

GIOCOSO
a. A jester
b. The funny-bone
c. Merrily in music

EJIDO
a. A co-op
b. A poll tax
c. The Gila monster

FASCHING
a. Reed thatch
b. Fasting
c. Carnival

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Ahead of his time

With the unveiling at the end of this month of the memorial to Howard Staunton by the Staunton Society, I continue to give some of the masterpieces by a player whom many consider to have been Britain's greatest. In today's game he demonstrates a strategy way ahead of its time, sacrificing rook for bishop to gain control of important squares. The diagram reveals the crucial moment.

White: Saint Amant

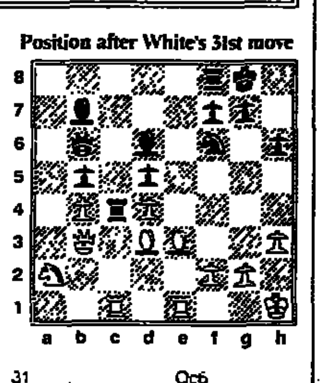
Black: Howard Staunton

Match Paris (Game 21) 1843

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	e3	c5
4	Nc3	Nf6
5	Nf3	Be7
6	Bd3	b6
7	0-0	0-0
8	b3	Bb7
9	cxd5	exd5
10	Qc2	Nc6
11	a3	a6
12	Rd1	cxd4
13	exd4	h6
14	b4	Bd6
15	Re1	b5
16	h3	Rc8
17	Qb3	Qc7
18	Bd2	Qb6
19	Be3	Ne7
20	Rac1	Nh5
21	Qd1	Nf6
22	Nh4	Rc7
23	Qd2	Nh7
24	Qc2	Nf6
25	Kh1	Ne8
26	Nf5	Nxf5
27	Bxf5	a5
28	Qb3	axb4
29	axb4	Rc4
30	Na2	Nf6
31	Bd3	

Position after White's 31st move



31	...	Qc6
32	Qb2	Qd7
33	Kg1	Nh5
34	Qd2	f5
35	f4	Ng3
36	Bxc4	dxc4
37	Qb2	Rf6
38	Nc3	Ne4
39	Re2	Rg6
40	Rd1	Nxc3
41	Qxc3	Bf3
42	Rde1	Bxe2
43	Rxe2	Qe7
44	Qb2	Re6
45	Kf2	Re4
46	Qa2	Kf7
47	g3	Qb7
48	Qa3	Re8
49	Qc3	Qh1
50	h4	g5
51	Qe1	Qh2+
52	Kf1	Qh3+
53	Kg1	Qg4
54	hxg5	Bxf4
55	Bxf4	Qxe2
56	Qxe2	Rxe2
57	gxh6	c3
58	Kf1	Re4
59	Bc1	Kg6
60	d5	c2
61	Bd2	Rxb4
62	d6	Rd4
63	Ke2	Rxd6
64	Ke3	Kxh6
65	Ke2+	Kg5
66	Ke1	b4

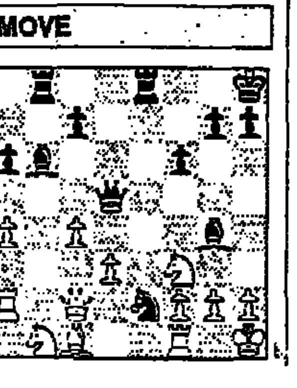
White resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Horwitz - Staunton, London 1851.
The black queen is attacked, but Staunton found a way to avoid retreating. How did he continue?



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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SHEFFIELD: IAAF Grand Prix meeting: Men: 150m: 1, D Bailey (Can) 15.01sec; 2, I Mackie (GB) 15.25; 3, L Christie (GB) 15.27; 4, D Campbell (GB) 15.47; 6, J Regis (GB) 15.58; 7, D Walker (GB) 15.68; 8, D Braithwaite (GB) 15.73. **200m:** 1, T Washington (US) 20.10; 2, C Cheval (Fr) 20.49; 3, R Clay (US) 20.49. **400m:** 1, I Thomas (GB) 44.49; 2, M Richardson (GB) 44.88; 3, D Minor (US) 45.34; 5, J Baulch (GB) 45.51; 7, R Black (GB) 45.70. **800m:** 1, M Everett (US) 1min 46.56sec; 2, R Kenah (US) 1:46.83; 3, V Rocal (Nor) 1:47.15; 4, A Hart (GB) 1:47.93; 10, M Sesay (GB) 1:49.57. **Emsley Carr Mile:** 1, V Niyongabo (Bur) 3:53.28; 2, J Mayock (GB) 3:54.07; 5, A Whiteman (GB) 3:54.59; 6, K McKay (GB) 3:56.82; 7, M O'Sullivan (Ire) 3:57.49. **10,000m:** 1, M Bett (Ken) 27:41.14; 2, R Stefko (Slovakia) 27:42.98; 3, C Kelong (Ken) 27:52.30. **100m hurdles:** 1, M Croar (US) 13.22sec; 2, A Johnson (US) 13.31; 3, A Jarrett (GB) 13.47; 4, C Jackson (GB) 13.52; 8, A Tulloch (GB). **High jump:** 1, S Smith (GB) 2.31m; 2, S Hoen (Nor) 2.28; 3, T Forsyth (Aus) 2.25; 4, B Reilly (GB) 2.25; 6, D Grant (GB) 2.20. **Long jump:** 1, E Walder (US) 8.49m; 2, J Greene (US) 8.44; 3, K Sosunov (Russ) 8.29. **Triple jump:** 1, J Edwards (GB) 17.54m; 2, K Harrison (US) 17.26; 3, D Kapustin (Russ) 17.13; 6, F Agyepong (GB) 16.50; 8, T Erogbogbo (GB) 15.96. **Javelin:** 1, S Backley (GB) 86.90m; 2, S Makarov (Russ) 85.74; 3, P Boden (Swe) 84.26; 4, M Hill (GB) 83.68; 5, M Robertson (GB) 79.24; 6, N Nieland (GB) 78.40. **Women: 200m:** 1, M Gainsford (Aus) 22.50sec; 2, J Campbell (Jam) 22.76; 3, C Freeman (Aus) 22.94. **1,500m:** 1, K Holmes (GB) 3min 58.07sec; 2, S Hamilton (US) 4:03.50; 3, J Pavey (GB) 4:07.28; 10, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 4:11.52. **5,000m:** 1, F Ribeiro (Por) 14:53.25; 2, G Wami (Eth) 14:54.06; 3, P Radcliffe (GB) 14:54.63; 10, L MacDougall (GB) 15:45.03. **100m hurdles:** 1, M Morrison (US) 12.94sec; 2, M Freeman (Jam) 13.02; 3, D Rose (Jam) 13.06; 4, A Thorp (GB) 13.44; 5, J Agyepong (GB) 13.51. **400m hurdles:** 1, D Hemmings (Jam) 53.82; 2, T Buford-Bailey (US) 54.83; 3, R Buchanan (US) 55.61; 4, S Gunnell (GB) 55.62; 8, V Jamison (GB) 59.11

LILLE: International meeting: Men: 200m: 1, T Washington (US) 20.10sec; 2, C Cheval (Fr) 20.49; 3, R Clay (US) 20.49. **10,000m:** 1, M Bett (Ken) 27min 41.14sec; 2, R Stefko (Slovakia) 27:42.98; 3, C Kelong (Ken) 27:52.30. **Long jump:** 1, E Walder (US) 8.49m; 2, J Greene (US) 8.44; 3, K Sosunov (Russ) 8.29

SETTLE, North Yorkshire: Settle Hills fell race (6.5m, 1,750ft). **Men:** 1, G Hull (Leeds) 49min 20sec (record); 2, S Wills (Todmorden) 49:41; 3, M Whitfield (Bingley) 49:48; 4, A Wrench (Todmorden) 50:04; 5, G Oldfield (Bradford Airedale) 50:27; 6, L Warburton (Spenborough) 50:54. **Over-40:** M Walsh (Kendal, 8th) 52:16. **Over-50:** G Breeze (Skyrac) 1:01:22. **Over-60:** J Barker (Clayton-le-Moors) 1:01:58. **Over-70:** J Merritt (Ambleside) 1:29:17. **Team:** 1, Todmorden 16pts; 2, Bingley 32; 3, Clayton-le-Moors 42. **Women:** 1, V Wilkinson (Bingley, U20) 59:03 (record); 2, J Prowse (Keighley Hill Runners, W35) 1:03:56; 3, P Walsh (Preston, W35) 1:06:18. **Team:** Todmorden 24

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 8 Detroit 6; Toronto 3 Baltimore 2; New York Yankees 11 Cleveland 10; Milwaukee 3 Kansas City 2; Chicago 6 Minnesota 4; Seattle 3 Anaheim 2; Oakland 7 Texas 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 6 Philadelphia 5; New York Mets 10 Pittsburgh 3; Houston 10 Chicago Cubs 8; San Francisco 7 Colorado 4; Los Angeles 10 San Diego 4; Florida 5 Montreal 3; St Louis 6 Cincinnati 5 (12 inns)

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group E (in Gerona): Turkey 81 Israel 71; Russia 73 France 80; Greece 73 Lithuania 66. **Group F** (in Badalona): Yugoslavia 88 Germany 73; Italy 63 Spain 60; Poland 77 Croatia 76

BOWLS

WORTHING: British championships: Singles. Preliminary round: D Wilkins (Wales, Pontrhydyfen) bt J Ottaway (Eng, Wymondham Dell) 21-12. **Semi-final:** J Henry (Ire, Port Rush) bt P McNally (Scot, Earlston) 21-17. **Junior singles: Preliminary round:** B Mellors (Scot, Pingl) bt J Quenpel (Channel Islands, Beau Sejour) 21-5. **Semi-finals:** N Collett (Wales, Penylan) bt J Parkinson (Eng, Bolton) 21-20. **Pairs: Preliminary round:** Ireland (R Milliken and J Irwin, Ballymoney) bt Wales (M Selway and A Atwood, Caerphilly) 24-23 (after extra end). **Triples: Preliminary round:** England (B Smith, M Dawes and D Fowkes, British Sellophane, Bridgwater) bt Scotland (G Simpson, R Robinson, M Stephen, Ellon) 25-8. **Semi-finals:** Ireland (P Daly, B Daly and D Hamilton, Belmont) bt Channel Islands (A Shaw, T Murphy and R Littlechild, St Brelade) 19-16. **Fours: Preliminary round:** Ireland (M Stewart, H McHugh, M McHugh and W Keys, Whitehead) bt Channel Islands (G Terry, R Brehaut, G Pugh and B Simon, Vale Recreation and Beau Sejour) 28-13. **Semi-finals:** Wales (B Weale, S Weale, D Weale and R Weale, Presteigne) bt England (M Miller, B Baxter, T Merrell and L Miller, March Conservatives) 22-12

CANOEING

BJORBO, Sweden: World Cup slalom: Men's K1: 1, P Ratcliffe (GB) 203.95pts; 2, S Pearce (GB) 207.09; 3, S Shipley (US) 208.32. **Men's C1:** 1, H Delamarre (Fr) 224.28pts; 2, P Estanguet (Fr) 224.86; 3, Y Narduzzi (Fr) 231.55. **Men's C2:** 1, K Kolomanski and M Staniszewski (Pol) 232.94pts; 2, F Addison and W Fergues (Fr) 232.99; 3, M Jiras and T Mader (Cz) 235.18. **Women's K1:** 1, C G Pron (It) 249.57pts; 2, C Hearn (US) 249.64; 3, M Langford (Can) 250.57

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): **Bridgnorth:** Devon 302-9 (A J Pugh 58, G T J Townsend 52). Shropshire 182-6 (Asif Din 60). **Banbury CC:** Oxfordshire v Dorset — no play. **Cleethorpes:** Suffolk 185-6 and 3-0; Lincolnshire 225-1 (S G Plumb 105, J R Wileman 94 not out). **Dales CC, Leominster:** Hereford 241-7 (R Hall 77, A Baker 4-53); Berkshire 113 (K E Cooper 5-38, N V Radford 4-29) and 8-0. **Panteg (Newport):** Wales v Wiltshire — no play

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Concacaf qualifying zone: Final stage: El Salvador 1 United States 1 (in San Salvador)

INTERTOTO CUP: Group two: Ebbw Vale (Wales) 0 Casino Graz (Austria) 0. **Group five:** Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 2 Panahaiki (Gr) 1. **Group six:** FBK Kaunas (Lith) 0 Samsunspor (Tur) 1. **Group eight:** Turku (Fin) 1 Hajduk Rodic (Yug) 2. **Group ten:** Spartak Varna (Bul) 0 Groningen (Holl) 2. **Group 12:** Iraklis (Gr) 2 Merani (Geo) 0

SPANISH LEAGUE: First division play-off, second leg: Rayo Vallecano 2 Mallorca 1 (agg 2-2, Mallorca win on away goals. Mallorca promoted from second division; Rayo relegated from first division)

COPA AMERICA: Final: Bolivia 1 Brazil 3 (in La Paz)

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Sweden 3 Russia 1 (in Karlstad, Sweden), France 1 Spain 1 (in Karlskoga, Sweden)

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Corrected result: Argentina 2 Brazil 0 (in Kuching, Malaysia)

GOLF

PORTMARNOCK, Ireland: European amateur team championship: Final: Spain 4½ Scotland 2½. **Play-offs: Third:** Sweden 1½ Ireland 5½. **Fifth:** Holland 3 Denmark 4. **Seventh:** Iceland 2 Germany 5. **Second flight:** England 1 France 4; Wales 3 Finland 2; Austria 2 Norway 3; Belgium 3 Italy 2. **Third flight:** Switzerland 3 Portugal 2; Czech Republic 5 Estonia 0. **Final positions:** 1, Spain; 2, Scotland; 3, Ireland; 4, Sweden; 5, Holland; 6, Denmark; 7, Germany; 8, Iceland; 9, France; 10, England; 11, Wales; 12, Finland; 13, Norway; 14, Austria; 15, Belgium; 16, Italy; 17, Switzerland; 18, Portugal; 19, Czech Republic; 20, Estonia; 21, Croatia; 22, Slovakia

BERLIN: Audi Quattro Trophy: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 279: D A Russell 67, 74, 68, 70; G Chalmers (Aus) 71, 73, 67, 68 (Russell won play-off at first extra hole). 281: R Jonsson (Swe) 73, 72, 69, 67; D Lynn 70, 71, 67, 73. 283: J Steenkamer (Holl) 66, 75, 72, 70. 284: K Brink (Swe) 73, 72, 68, 71; N Vanhootegem (Bel) 71, 73, 71, 69; C Duran (Switz) 69, 72, 67, 76. 285: E Carlberg (Swe) 70, 72, 74, 69

GERMANTOWN, Tennessee: St Jude Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 268: G Norman (Aus) 68, 65, 69, 66. 269: D Hart 69, 68, 68, 64. 270: C Parry (Aus) 69, 69, 66, 66; R Damron 65, 66, 69, 70. 271: J Leonard 66, 71, 65, 69; M Bradley 68, 67, 66, 70; N Price (Zim) 66, 68, 68, 69; J D Blake 70, 64, 68, 69. 272: T Byrum 69, 69, 67, 67; M Hulbert 67, 67, 67, 71; G Sauers 65, 67, 70, 70. 273: K Perry 66, 71, 70, 66; R Gamez 71, 65, 72, 65; S Lowery 72, 68, 70, 63. 274: P Blackmar 69, 67, 73, 65. 275: M Christie 70, 68, 65, 72; S Cink 68, 71, 68, 68; F Zoeller 68, 67, 70, 69; D Toms 69, 70, 71, 65; A Magee 68, 67, 69, 71; J O'Keefe 69, 66, 70, 70. 276: B Claar 68, 71, 67, 70; J Adams 70, 68, 69, 71; S Kendall 68, 67, 74, 67; R Estes 68, 66, 72, 70; D Forsman 72, 68, 66, 70.

SOMERS POINT, New Jersey: LPGA Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 201: M McGann 72, 65, 64. 204: A Sorenstam (Swe) 65, 68, 71. 206: J Inkster 71, 69, 66. 207: C Schreyer 68, 72, 67; P Sheehan 67, 71, 69; D Pepper 69, 67, 71; C Blaylock 66, 70, 71; J Geddes 67, 68, 72. 208: K Marshall (GB) 72, 66, 70. 209: K Webb 71, 70, 68; T Barrett 69, 71, 69; A Fruhwirth 69, 68, 72. 210: J Anschutz 72, 72, 66; P Hurst 72, 69, 69; S Steinhauer 72, 68, 70; S Little 68, 72, 70; V Odegard 67, 68, 75. **Other scores:** 211: C Matthew (Swe) 69, 70, 72. 213: L Neumann (Swe) 73, 70, 70; L Hackney (GB) 72, 71, 70; C Pierce (GB) 71, 69, 73. 214: H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 72, 72. 217: L Davies (GB) 71, 74, 72. 218: N Daghe (Swe) 70, 75, 73. 221: A M Palli (Fr) 70, 75, 76. 222: T Johnson (GB) 70, 74, 78.

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois: US Senior Open: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 280: G Marsh (Aus) 72, 67, 67, 74. 281: J Bland 69, 70, 69, 73. 282: G Morgan 69, 74, 71, 68; T Wargo 69, 70, 73, 70; H Irwin 73, 74, 70, 67. **Other scores:** 284: J Nicklaus 73, 72, 70, 69. 285: J-M Canizares 73, 74, 66, 72. 287: L Trevino 75, 69, 73, 70. 288: R Charles 73, 68, 72, 75. 289: G Player 76, 72, 71, 70. 293: D Graham (Aus) 74, 74, 74, 71; J Jacobs (GB) 71, 76, 72, 74. 295: R Floyd 76, 75, 70, 74. 298: I Aoki (Japan) 77, 74, 76, 69; B Barnes (GB) 74, 75, 75, 72. 310: A Palmer 75, 76, 79, 80.

HOCKEY

SEOUL: Telekom Cup: Holland 2 Great Britain 0, Australia 4 Argentina 1.

MOTOR RACING

CROFT: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: Thirteenth round (25 laps, 53.18 miles): 1, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguna) 35min 03.301sec; 2, J Plato (GB, Renault Laguna) at 2.489sec; 3, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo S40) at 3.603; 4, F Biela (Ger, Audi) at 4.273; 5, J Thompson (GB, Honda Accord) at 15.138. **Fourteenth round** (17 laps, 36.159 miles): 1, Menu 28min 41.470sec; 2, Thompson at 0.943sec; 3, D Leslie (GB, Nissan Primera) at 1.356; 4, Plato at 1.695; 5, J Cleland (GB, Vauxhall Vectra) at 2.178.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Leeds Rhinos 16 Bradford Bulls 32

AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Cronulla Sharks 32 Brisbane Broncos 4

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg: Boston to Southampton (positions at 15:00GMT, with miles to Southampton): 1, Save The Children 2,808; 2, Motorola 2,808; 3, Toshiba Wave Warrior 2,808; 4, Nuclear Electric 2,809; 5, Group 4 2,809; 6, Concert 2,809; 7, Heath Insured II 2,809; 8, 3Com 2,809; 9, Ocean Rover 2,810; 10, Commercial Union 2,813; 11, Courtaulds Int 2,817; 12, Global Teamwork 2,818; 13, Pause To Remember 2,819; 14, Time & Tide 2,812.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Glasgow 52 Stoke 38; Glasgow 48 Berwick 41.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Oxford Cubs 37 Mildenhall 41.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday July 5
Coupon No. fixture forecast

VICTORIA
SECOND DIVISION

1 Altona City v East Altona 2
2 Bell Park v Mooroolbark 2
3 E Brunswick v Regents X
4 E Richmond v Preston S X
5 Glen Eira v OS Waverley 1
6 Knox City v Oakleigh X

THIRD DIVISION

7 Chelsea v Melbourne C X
8 Cranbourne v Nunawading 1
9 Ormond V v S S'vale 2
10 Keilor v Pascoe Vale 2
11 N Coburg v Burnside 2
12 S Caulfield v Fitzroy X
13 S Werribee v Geelong 2

FOURTH DIVISION

14 Clifton Hill v Lalor 1
15 Geelong R v Corio 1
16 M'borough v Moreland X
17 Monbulk v Williamstown 1
18 Sandringham v Sunbury 2
19 Stonnington v S'ford U 1
20 Sun Heights v L'warrin 1

FIFTH DIVISION

21 Glenroy v Croydon 2
22 Melton v Endeavour X
23 Mitcham v Brandon Pk 2
24 S Wantirna v Ballarat 1
25 Springvale C v Doveton X
26 Sunshine B v Lyndale U 1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
PREMIER DIVISION

27 Athena v Kingsway X
28 Fremantle C v Perth 2
29 Inglewood v Bayswater X
30 J'ndalup v Spearwood 2
31 Knights v Stirling M X
32 Morley v Dianella 1
33 Swan I C v Sorrento 1

FIRST DIVISION

34 A'dale Pk v North Lake X
35 Ashfield v Rockingham 2
36 Balcatta v Wanneroo 1
37 Balga v Stirling S X
38 Leeming v Queens Pk 1
39 Southside v Perth City X

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
PREMIER LEAGUE

40 Adelaide R v Salisbury X
41 B Eagles v Olympians 1
42 Port Lion v W T Birkalla 2
43 W'ville v Campb'town 1

FIRST DIVISION

44 Elizabeth v W Adelaide 2
45 Enfield v Modbury 1
46 Noarlunga v Adelaide C X
47 Para Hills v C'land 2
48 Plympton v Port Pirie X
49 Seaford v Croydon 2

TEN DRAWS: E Richmond, Knox City, S Caulfield, Keysborough, Springvale C, Inglewood, Knights, Balga, Noarlunga, Plympton

TEN HOMES: Glen Eira, Geelong R, Stonnington, Sun Heights, S Wantirna, Morley, Leeming, Blue Eagles, Woodville, Enfield.

SIX AWAYS: Altona City, Diamond V, Glenroy, Fremantle C, Port Lion, Para Hills

FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches
Mpumalanga v Scotland XV
(at Nelspruit, 6.0) ....
Northern Free State v British Isles XV
(at Welkom, 2.15) ....

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four). Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire

AON TROPHY (one day). Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset. The Oval: Surrey v Kent. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Durham.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Toft: Cheshire v Devon. Jesmond: Northumberland v Suffolk.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's home international and British championships (at Worthing).
SPEEDWAY: Amateur League: St Austell v Reading and Swindon (7.30).
TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon).

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RACING: RYAN POISED TO RIDE BENNY THE DIP AGAIN IN SHOWDOWN AGAINST CECIL'S TALENTED FILLY

Bosra Sham faces four rivals in Eclipse

By Dick Hinder

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Bosra Sham is chasing her fourth group one victory in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday

BOSRA SHAM faces a maximum of four rivals in the hundredth running of the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday.

Described as "the best I have ever trained" by Henry Cecil, the filly will line up in the smallest Eclipse field since Pebbles beat three rivals in 1985.

Bosra Sham, the eight-length winner of the Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot, is odds-on favourite with the sponsors to land her fourth group one victory, after her triumphs in the 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes last year and the Fillies' Mile at the Ascot festival in 1995.

The only three-year-old left among the acceptors is the Vodafone Derby winner, Benny The Dip. He looks likely to be ridden by his Epsom partner, Willie Ryan, as Frankie Dettori is almost certain to be claimed by Godolphin for Allied Forces.

The line-up is completed by last year's Breeders' Cup Turf winner Pilsudski, trained by Michael Stoute, and the Geoff Wragg-trained Sasuru, who landed the Gordon Richards Stakes over the course and distance in April.

Godolphin's racing manager, Simon Crisford, confirmed the Queen Anne Stakes winner, Allied Forces, as a likely runner in the Eclipse, preventing Dettori from teaming up with Benny The Dip. "It's a small field but you can't get much better than those five," he said. "Allied Forces has done very well since Royal Ascot and we think the step up to a mile and a quarter will suit him."

Benny The Dip's trainer, John Gosden, said: "I needed to check that Willie Ryan wouldn't be needed by Henry Cecil at Haydock and it looks as if he will be available. However, I still need to sit down and discuss the matter with the horse's owner."

Sandown's clerk of the course, Andrew Cooper, reported the ground at Sandown as "good to soft" yesterday. He said: "It was been dry today and we basically had a dry weekend, though obviously if there was more rain it would turn soft pretty sharpish."

Coral, the sponsor, was far from downcast at the small field. "They are five top-quality horses," Simon Clare, a spokesman, said. "We've got last year's 1,000 Guineas winner Bosra Sham, who is possibly the best older horse in training. There's the Derby winner, Benny The Dip, and Pilsudski, who is one of the most travelled and most versatile horses around."

Clare added: "Previously when there have been eight or nine runners there have often been three at 25-1, but this year we have got pure quality."

Coral makes Bosra Sham 6-4 on to lift the prize with Benny The Dip's price out to 9-2 third best after the defeat of his Epsom victim, Silver Patriarch, at the Curragh on Sunday.

☐ *Timeform*, the Halifax-based analysts, has not altered its rating of Desert King after his win in Sunday's Irish Derby. He remains on 123, the figure he was given after his Irish 2,000 Guineas victory. "We cannot rate him better than an average Irish Derby winner but there is the possibility of better to come," *Timeform* handicapper, Stewart Copeland, said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NORDIC BREEZE
(2.00 Chepstow)
Next best: Atnab
(4.30 Chepstow)

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral
Bosra Sham	4-6
Pilsudski	4-1
Benny The Dip	9-2
Sasuru	8-1
Allied Forces	11-1

THE Coral-Eclipse at Sandown on Saturday may have attracted just five entries, but it will nonetheless be a fascinating contest.

Bosra Sham, last year's 1,000 Guineas winner, produced the most impressive display at Royal Ascot when winning the Prince of Wales's Stakes by eight lengths from Alhaarth. While Alhaarth franked the form by winning a group two race at the Curragh on Sunday, he would struggle to cope with any of the Eclipse runners. It may seem churlish to knock her, but it should be remembered that Bosra Sham was beaten convincingly by Mark Of Esteem in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot last year. Now offered at 6-4 on, her price is unlikely to contract.

Benny The Dip, the only three-year-old in the line-up, had the form of his Derby success devalued when the runner-up, Silver Patriarch, finished fifth in the Irish equivalent. Nonetheless, he is likely to be allowed to dictate the pace on Saturday, and should not be written off.

Sasuru has shown improved form this season, winning the group one Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp last time out. Geoff Wragg's runners always merit respect in the top races, but, having been quoted at 14-1 when the prices were first issued, his 8-1 quote now more accurately assesses his chance.

Allied Forces won the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot, but is not certain to stay another two furlongs.

Pilsudski, winner of last year's Breeders' Cup Turf and runner-up in the Arc, has solid credentials. He looked to be approaching his peak when beaten half a length in the Hardwicke Stakes at the royal meeting, where he looked the likely winner a furlong out before weakening close home. At his best with cut in the ground, conditions should be ideal for him on Saturday, and at 4-1 PILSUDSKI represents a realistic alternative to Bosra Sham.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Clued Up
2.30 Bollero
3.00 So Intrepid
3.30 Edna's Gift
4.00 Kaliana
4.30 Cugina
5.00 Media Star

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 SEATTLE SWING.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Mengaab. 4.30 DOYELLA (nap). 5.00 Media Star.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE SERIES AMATEURS HANDICAP
(£2,374: 1m) (10 runners)

101	(1)	60-0051	SHINING EXAMPLE 18 (F,G) (D Aher) P Makin 5-12-0	L Baker (4)	98
102	(7)	02600-2	NORDIC BREEZE 20J (G) (M Jones) M Pipe 5-11-13	A Farrant	95
103	(6)	13604-5	HELIOS 7 (D,F,S) (Box 40 Racing) D Murray Smith 9-11-6	T McCarthy	93
104	(8)	2513650	CLUED UP 4 (V,D,F,S) (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 4-10-8	A Evans (4)	94
105	(3)	105406-	SUPER SERENADE 300 (CD,F) (J Thatcher) G Balding 8-10-8	J Thatcher (4)	●
106	(5)	32435/0	SUILE MOR 13 (F) (Hammy Racing) B Millman 5-10-5	L Jefford	–
107	(4)	-000403	ASTERIX 18 (B,CD,F,G) (C Hunt) J Bradley 9-9-11	O McPhail (4)	98
108	(2)	-566000	PROUD BRIGADIER 18 (D,F,G,S) (S Edwards) M R Bosley 9-9-8	S J Edwards (4)	92
109	(9)	60-0406	SARUM 27 (D,F) (T Waters) J Long 11-9-7	T Waters (4)	92
110	(10)	00/000-	MOULTAZIM 486J (Mrs K Oseman) Mrs S Williams 7-9-7	V Lukaniuk (4)	–

Long handicap: Moultazim 9-5

BETTING. 5-2 Shining Example, 3-1 Nordic Breeze, 13-2 Helios, Asterix, 7-1 Super Serenade, 10-1 Proud Brigadier, Sarum, 14-1 others

1996: SUPER SERENADE 7-10-11 J Thatcher (6-1) G Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHINING EXAMPLE beat Cuban Reef 1½l in 14-runner amateur riders handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good) with PROUD BRIGADIER (6lb better off) 6¾l 8th. NORDIC BREEZE 2½l 2nd of 10 to Gulf Shaadi in handicap at Southwell (1m, AW). HELIOS 5l 5th of 13 to Sharp Rebuff in handicap at Warwick (1m, good). SUPER SERENADE 13l 6th of 9 to Don't Drop Bombs in amateur riders handicap at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). ASTERIX 4½l 3rd of 12 to Stackattack in amateur riders handicap here (7f, good to firm). SARUM 19½l last of 6 to Marjanna in amateur riders rated stakes at Folkestone (7f, good to firm).
Selection: SHINING EXAMPLE

2.30 SUMMER SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,234: 1m) (8 runners)

201	(1)	01	PROSPERING 18 (C,F) (D Smith) R Hodges 9-0	L Dettori	80
202	(2)	0-0500	SPANISH WARRIOR 10 (Arco Industries Ltd) J Hills 9-0	N Adams	75
203	(4)	-500450	WARRIOR KING 5 (J Balcomb) Mrs F Duffield 9-0	Aimee Cook (5)	75
204	(6)	00-6080	BOLLERO 14 (G) (I Belland) J Berry 8-9	P Fessey (3)	90
205	(9)	64-6056	FAREWELL MY LOVE 15 (BF,F,S) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-9	K Darley	●
206	(7)	0	GRACE 18 (Treesale Syndicate) J Bradley 8-9	S Drowne	–
207	(3)	005-000	JAVA BAY 17 (Lower Bowden II Syndicate) M Blanshard 8-9	J Quinn	75
208	(5)	5-000	SILVER JUBILEE 17 (Cafearo And Hudd's) B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	–

BETTING. 6-4 Farewell My Love, 5-2 Prospering, 3-1 Bollero, 12-1 Warrior King, 16-1 Grace, 25-1 Spanish Warrior, Java Bay, Silver Jubilee

1996: CHARLTON IMP 8-3 S Drowne (11-4) R Hodges 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PROSPERING beat Effervescence ¾l in 10-runner claimer here (7f, good to firm) with GRACE (11lb better off) 28l last. SPANISH WARRIOR 31l last of 8 to Grand Hotel in maiden handicap at Wolverhampton (1m 1f 79y, AW). WARRIOR KING 13l 7th of 9 to Righty Ho in amateur riders handicap at Salisbury (1m, soft). BOLLERO 13l last of 8 to Cashmere Lady at Thirsk (1m, good). FAREWELL MY LOVE 10l 6th of 8 to Levelled in handicap at Brighton (6f, firm). JAVA BAY 10l 10th of 12 to Tajatub in handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm).
Selection: PROSPERING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	7	12	58.3	L Dettori	9	31	29.0
D Loder	3	9	33.3	P Murphy	4	16	25.0
B Hills	6	24	25.0	S Whitworth	9	56	16.1
P Evans	3	13	23.1	J Reid	12	77	15.6
D Arbuthnot	8	38	21.1	M Hills	4	30	13.3
J Gosden	6	30	20.0	R Price	5	44	11.4
W Hern	4	21	19.0	T Sprake	7	69	10.1

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3.00 STEWARDS TRIAL HANDICAP (£5,378: 5f) (13 runners)

301	(8)	11030-5	FOND EMBRACE 17 (D,G,S) (Commander G Marten) H Candy 4-10-0	G Carter	89
302	(4)	-460502	WESTCOURT MAGIC 6 (D,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 4-9-11	K Darley	98
303	(10)	0-14000	REPERTORY 11 (D,G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-9-10	R Price	93
304	(1)	1-20560	MYRMIDON 10 (B,D,S) (M Worth) Mrs L Stubbs 3-9-4	J F Egan	97
305	(9)	6631012	INTIAASH 10 (BF,D,F,S) (R Howard Thomas) D Haydn Jones 5-9-1	J Reid	97
306	(11)	4140200	ANSELLMAN 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) J Berry 7-9-1	P Fessey (3)	97
307	(3)	-351605	MISTER JOLSON 8 (D,F,G,S) (B Fooms) R Hodges 8-8-12	L Dettori	97
308	(5)	0103303	SO INTREPID 2 (D,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 7-8-10	S Drowne	●
309	(7)	0-06054	BAJAN ROSE 6 (B,BF,C,D,F,G,S) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 5-8-10	J Quinn	98
310	(2)	0-20335	LUNAR MIST 24 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Barratt) M Meade 4-8-8	R Brisland (7)	92
311	(6)	-221205	MANGUS 10 (D,F) (Danebury Stables Ltd) K C-Brown 3-8-5	Martin Dwyer (3)	94
312	(13)	300-110	CAUDA EQUINA 10 (D,F,S) (M Foy) M Channon 3-8-5	P P Murphy (3)	94
313	(12)	5162331	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 7 (B,D,S) (G Greenwood) G McCourt 5-7-13 (7ex)	R Mullen (5)	95

BETTING: 3-1 Westcourt Magic, 5-1 Fond Embrace, 7-1 Runs In The Family, 8-1 Myrmidon, Mister Jolson, Bajan Rose, 10-1 Intiaash, So Intrepid, 12-1 others

1996: ANSELLMAN 6-8-6 G Carter (10-1) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOND EMBRACE 2l 5th of 9 to Johnny Staccato in conditions race at Sandown (5f, good to firm). WESTCOURT MAGIC ½l 2nd of 12 to Charlie Sillett in handicap at Chester (6f, soft). REPERTORY 18l 27th of 30 to Selhurstpark Flyer in handicap at Ascot (6f, good to soft). INTIAASH 2½l 2nd of 11 to The Happy Fox in handicap at Wolverhampton (6f, AW). ANSELLMAN 7l 9th of 12 to Moon Strike in handicap at Newcastle (5f, Good). SO INTREPID ¼l 3rd of 9 to Always Alight in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). BAJAN ROSE 2¾l 4th of 8 to White Emir in handicap at Salisbury (5f, good to soft) with MISTER JOLSON (1lb better off) further head 5th. MANGUS 4¾l 5th of 18 to Prince Dome in handicap at Ascot (5f, soft) with MYRMIDON (2lb better off) 8l 9th and CAUDA EQUINA 18l 16th. RUNS IN THE FAMILY beat Balm Athol 2¾l in 14-runner handicap at Warwick (5f, good).
Selection: WESTCOURT MAGIC (nap)

3.30 BREAM CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,513: 6f) (7 runners)

401	(4)	0	BELLOW 81 (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan & Partners) H Morrison 9-0	C Rutter	–
402	(1)	000	KING DARIUS 3 (E Penny) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	70
403	(5)		THE IMPOSTER (D Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 8-11	C Lowther (7)	–
404	(6)	0	SATIS 101 (B Walters Catering) M Channon 8-6	P P Murphy (3)	–
405	(7)		HI RUDOLF (H Manners) A Chamberlain 8-3	D Biggs	–
406	(3)	120	EDNA'S GIFT 14 (D,F) (S Berry) J Berry 8-2	P Fessey (3)	●
407	(2)	0145	PERSIAN FORTUNE 17 (G Barker) W G M Turner 8-0	S Carson (7)	93

BETTING: 7-4 Persian Fortune, 9-4 Edna's Gift, 5-1 Satis, King Darius, 12-1 Bellow, The Imposter, 25-1 Hi Rudolf.

1996: WITHOUT FRIENDS 9-0 J F Egan (5-2 fav) Mrs L Stubbs 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELLOW 14l 10th of 14 to Dim Ots in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). KING DARIUS 5l 7th of 16 to Brandon Frank in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good). SATIS 13l 10th of 14 to Rising Of The Moon in auction maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). EDNA'S GIFT 5¾l 7th of 17 to Tancred Times in seller at Thirsk (6f, good). PERSIAN FORTUNE 10¾l last of 5 to Islamabad in conditions race at Bath (5f, good to firm).
Selection: KING DARIUS

4.00 WORTHINGTON DRAUGHT BITTER MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,738: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

501	(4)	06	GAJAN 8 (J Williams Transport (Newport) Ltd) J Neville 9-0	S Drowne	83
502	(1)	3-45	MENGAAB 11 (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	98
503	(6)	043-443	PENNYS FROM HEAVEN 19 (BF) (F Salman) H Candy 9-0	C Rutter	●
504	(5)		KALIANA (H R H Aga Khan) L Cumani 8-9	J Reid	–
505	(2)		MASHARIK (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-9	R Hills	–
506	(3)	00	POLSKA PRINCESS 31 (Mrs E Darboven) Lord Huntingdon 8-9	K Darley	93

BETTING. 2-1 Kaliana, 9-4 Mengaab, 3-1 Masharik, 5-1 Pennys From Heaven, 14-1 Polska Princess, 33-1 Gajan.

1996. OOPS PETTIE 8-9 T Ives (8-1) Mrs J Cecil 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

GAJAN 10¼l 6th of 9 to Liquid Gold in maiden at Nottingham (1m, soft).
MENGAAB 4¾l 5th of 10 to Bombazine in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). PENNYS FROM HEAVEN 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Ciro's Pearl in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). KALIANA half-sister by Slip Anchor to dual Derby winner Kahyasi. MASHARIK half-sister by Caerleon to Group 1 winners Ibn Bey and Roseate Tern. POLSKA PRINCESS 5¾l 7th of 8 to Marodia in maiden at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: MENGAAB

4.30 MIDDLE LODGE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,647: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

601	(6)	0-321	DOYELLA 11 (S) (S Manana) D Loder 9-7	K Darley	93
602	(8)	21-430	APACHE STAR 19 (S) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-6	M Hills	93
603	(4)	13-500	CALYPSO LADY 22 (G) (Mrs D Wigall) R Hannon 8-13	Dane O'Neill	98
604	(2)	5-531	SEATTLE SWING 8 (D,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Gosden 8-11 (5ex)	L Dettori	●
605	(3)	060-2	CUGINA 36 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-9	R Price	93
606	(5)	64-54	TOI TOI 6 (N Cronin) D Arbuthnot 8-9	S Whitworth	90
607	(7)	0-34	NUBILE 32 (J Hanson) B Hills 8-4	D Holland	95
608	(1)	00-0	ATNAB 31 (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 7-10	J Quinn	95

Long handicap: Atnab 7-8

BETTING: 2-1 Seattle Swing, 3-1 Doyella, 6-1 Apache Star, Nubile, 7-1 Cugina, 8-1 Toi Toi, 12-1 others.

1996: OVERRULED 9-7 R Hughes (100-30) D Loder 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOYELLA beat Viburnum 10l in 6-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft). APACHE STAR 5l 8th of 10 to Squeak in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good). CALYPSO LADY 7l last of 7 to Moon Blast in ratedstakes at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). SEATTLE SWING beat Top Jem 1l in 9-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, soft). CUGINA 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Stilett in maiden here (1m, good). TOI TOI 8¾l 4th to 6 to Kathryn's Pet in handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, soft). NUBILE 10¾l 4th of 10 to Boss Lady in maiden at Bath (1m, good to firm). ATNAB 12l 8th of 17 to Shaheen in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: APACHE STAR

5.00 LIONS LODGE HANDICAP (£2,801: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1	(6)	061	MEDIA STAR 11 (V,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 4-10-0	L Dettori	97
2	(2)	423-040	SANDY FLOSS 10 (Mrs S Livesey) R Buckler 4-9-12	C Lowther (7)	96
3	(5)	466-034	GUMAIR 22 (A Solomons) R Hannon 4-9-11	J Reid	98
4	(1)	2000-30	GENERAL MOUKTAR 14 (F,G) (A Helasco) M Pipe 7-9-0	D Holland	●
5	(3)	242/000	SPRING MARATHON 14 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 7-8-13	Aimee Cook (5)	97
6	(7)	00/0356	BRIDIE'S PRIDE 10 (K Whale) G Ham 6-8-4	J Fowle (7)	98
7	(4)	00/00-0	SHY PADDY 21 (Danebury Stables Ltd) K C-Brown 5-7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	92

Long handicap: Shy Paddy 7-6.

BETTING: 5-4 Media Star, 11-4 Gumair, 7-2 General Mouktar, 10-1 Sandy Floss, Bridie's Pride, 25-1 Spring Marathon, 33-1 Shy Paddy

1996: MIRADOR 5-9-6 G Bardwell (5-2 fav) R Curtis 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEDIA STAR beat San Glamore Melody 11l in 6-runner maiden at Redcar (1m 6f, good). GUMAIR 3½l 4th of 10 to Salska in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm). GENERAL MOUKTAR 11l 11th of 25 to Sea Freedom in handicap at Ascot (2m 4f, good) with SPRING MARATHON (3lb better off) 19l 15th. BRIDIE'S PRIDE 7¾l 6th of 14 to Bolivar in handicap at Ascot (2m, soft) with SANDY FLOSS 64l 11th. SHY PADDY 5¾l 8th of 20 to Norsong in claiming handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: MEDIA STAR

Crystal Hearted aims for Ayr

CRYSTAL HEARTED, the runaway winner of the listed Dee Stakes at Chester in May, is to have his next outing in the group three Scottish Classic at Ayr on July 21.

The Henry Candy-trained colt took his chance in the Vodafone Derby after his success on the Roodee and led the field at Epsom for a mile. But he faded tamely in the closing stages and finished twelfth of 13 behind Benny The Dip.

However, Candy now reports the son of Broken Hearted back in fast work, in good form and ready for a

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Pontefract

Going: soft, heavy patches

2.45 (5f) 1, SUIVEZ LA TRACE (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Mysticism (Dale Gibson, 5-1); 3, Perfect Harmony (Martin Dwyer, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Dangerman (4th), 7 Perfect Peach (6th), 8 Barrelbio, 11 Shamwari Song, 12 Dancing Rio (5th), 25 Eddie Rombo. 9 ran. 2½l, 3l, 1½l, 1l, ½l. R Fahey at Malton. Tote: £7.90; £1.90, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £24.20. Trio: £23.10. CSF: £35.46.

3.15 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, CAPTAIN FLINT (R Winston, 20-1); 2, Digital Option (J Fortune, 11-2); 3, Ocean Breeze (J Bramhill, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Fortune Hopper (4th), Misterton, 6 Fearless Sioux (6th), 13-2 Wheildon, 9 Real Fire (5th), 12 Ballydinero, 33 Bella Daniella. 10 ran. 15l, 1½l, 16l, sh hd, 8l. A Smith at Beverley. Tote: £27.60; £7.50, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £106.10. Trio: £67.80. CSF: £126.27. Tricast: £502.96.

3.45 (6f) 1, WATCH THE FIRE (R Mullen, 16-1); 2, Fame Again (J Fortune, 4-6 fav); 3, Lady Dieals (J D Smith, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Husun (5th), 9 Formidable Liz (4th). 5 ran. ½l, 5l, 4l, 10l. J Banks at Newmarket. Tote: £10.60; £3.30, £1.10. DF: £10.30. CSF: £24.78.

4.15 (6f) 1, THE RICH MAN (M Hills, 11-4); 2, Cumbrian Caruso (J Carroll, 9-2); 3, Legend Of Love (N Day, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Sweet Reward (5th), 7-2 Out Like Magic (4th), 25 Western Lord (6th). 6 ran. NR: Minnah. ½l, 3l, 1½l, nk, 28l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £9.20. CSF: £12.70.

4.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, SILENCE REIGNS (K Darley, 8-13 fav; Richard Evans's nap and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Top (D Harrison, 9-1); 3, Understudy (F Lynch, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Passionelle (4th), 10 Glittering (5th), 40 The Orraman (6th), Who Dealt. 7 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l, 5l, ¾l, 11l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £4.20. CSF: £5.87.

5.15 (5f) 1, MARTON MOSS (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Two Williams (T Lucas, 16-1); 3, Rich Choice (T Williams, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 King Of Dance, 6 Tom Dougal (5th), 13-2 Naviasky (6th), Whacker-Do (4th), 10 Wilton, 16 Full Moon. 9 ran. 2½l, 1l, nk, hd, ½l. T Easterby at Malton. Tote: £8.70; £3.60, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £32.20. Trio: £207.40. CSF: £86.23.

5.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, CASHMIRIE (P Doe, 5-1); 2, Junior Ben (N Pollard, 6-1); 3, Marsh Marigold (Jenny Benson, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Bedazzle (4th), 5 Silent System (5th), 14 First Bite (6th). 6 ran. 3½l, 2l, 2l, 16l, 8l. J Eyre at Thirsk. Tote: £6.50; £2.30, £2.00. DF: £21.20. CSF: £29.70.

Placepot: £36.20. Quadpot: £7.00.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (7f) 1, PROSE (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Rico Suave (G Duffield, 8-11 fav); 3, Falkenberg (J Weaver, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Mohawk (5th), 8 Night Vigil (4th), 10 Jus'chillin' (6th), 50 Meadgate's Dreamer. 7 ran. 7l, 1½l, 3½l, 5l, 5l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.10; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.24.

3.00 (1m 3f) 1, MIRROR FOUR SPORT (N Pollard, 4-7 fav); 2, Mysterium (K Pierrepont, 9-2); 3, Bell-Pet (D Sweeney, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Petula Boy (4th), 33 Kirkham (6th), 50 Love Over Gold (5th). 6 ran. 10l, 9l, 1½l, 30l, 6l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.23.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, OUR MAIN MAN (G Parkin, 20-1); 2, Mister Aspecto (J Weaver, 9-2); 3, Big Bang (J Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Goodwood Lass, 11-2 English Invader (6th), 6 Kinnemartyre Girl (4th), 12 Shuttlecock, 14 Sommersby, 16 Wontcostalotbut (5th). 9 ran. 3½l, ¾l, 5l, 7l, 3½l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £25.50; £4.70, £2.00, £2.70. DF: £67.40. Trio: £105.80. CSF: £97.22. Tricast: £482.36.

4.00 (6f) 1, TIME TO FLY (D Sweeney, 7-1); 2, Thordis (S Sanders, 11-2); 3, Tutu Sixtysix (Kim Tinkler, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Shontaine (6th), 11-2 Komaseph, 13-2 Silk Cottage (4th), 7 Soda, 8 Qualitair Silver, 10 Perfect Brave, 33 Ticka Ticka Timing (5th). 10 ran. ½l, 6l, ½l, ¾l, 1¼l. B Murray at Malton. Tote: £7.60; £2.70, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £11.70. Trio: £123.80. CSF: £41.88. Tricast: £853.67.

4.30 (5f) 1, CHINAIDER (J Quinn, 10-1); 2, Daynabee (Kim Tinkler, 8-1); 3, I'm Not Sure (N Adams, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Gymcrak Mystery (5th), 5 Miss Scooter (6th), Verdant Express, 8 Touchanova (4th), 10 Flash D'Or, 25 Wideyedbushytailed. 9 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l, ½l, 1½l, 8l. J J O'Neill at Penrith. Tote: £9.10; £1.40, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £55.80. Trio: £98.20. CSF: £81.23.

5.00 (1m) 1, MONTE CAVO (G Bardwell, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, People Direct (R Lappin, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Saratoga Red (Emma O'Gorman, 7-1); 4, Mustang (J Quinn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Samspet, 8 Polarize, 10 Pleasure Trick, Sandmoor Denim, 12 Awesome Venture, 14 Sakharov, 16 Loxley's Girl, 25 Noble Canonire, Only Josh, 33 Efipetite, Kanawa, Magic Melody. 16 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. M Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £3.50, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £7.70. Trio: £81.30. CSF: £23.82. Tricast: £144.90.

Placepot: £85.30. Quadpot: £48.80.

Darley double

KEVIN DARLEY rode a 10-1 double at Pontefract yesterday on Silence Reigns and Marton Moss. Silence Reigns, a 13-8 on chance, was an impressive winner of the Wragby Maiden Stakes. Jimmy Scott, representing trainer Michael Stoute, said: "He was unlucky not to win first time

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2.15 Kid Ory. 2.45 Fast Franc. 3.15 LEADING PRINCESS (nap). 3.45 Principal Boy. 4.15 Cittern. 4.45 Wildmoor.

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2.15 ROSEBANK AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,458: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(8)	6540	MARJORIE ROSE 118 (CD,G) A Bailey 4-11-7	Miss A Hutchinson (7)	90
2	(7)	-006	BIFF-EM 13 (CD,G) Miss L Perratt 3-11-7	R Hale	89
3	(2)	2005	TROPICAL BEACH 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-11-2	Mrs L Pearce	98
4	(5)	3606	PALLIUM 11 (B,D,F,G) D Nolan 9-10-6	Miss D Jones	●
5	(9)	3024	KID ORY 15 (B,G,S) D Chapman 6-10-4	Miss R Clark	95
6	(3)	0504	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 13 (CD,F,G,S) R McKellar 5-10-2	Mrs C Williams (4)	89
7	(4)	2005	SUNDAY MAIL TOO 20 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-9-13	D B Shaw (7)	94
8	(1)	000-	AYE READY 332 D Nolan 4-9-0	Miss D Carter (7)	–
9	(6)	-550	SOUTHERN RULE 96 (B,D,F,G) P Monteith 10-9-0	Miss L Mcintosh (7)	90

3-1 Kid Ory, 7-2 Tropical Beach, 9-2 Sunday Mail Too, 6-1 Marjorie Rose, Pallium, Another Nightmare, 8-1 Biff-Em, 20-1 others.

2.45 KIRKMUIRHILL SELLING STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £2,598: 6f) (9)

1	(8)	331	FAST FRANC 4 (S) S C Williams 9-3	J Weaver	●
2	(3)	005	ELLENBER 10 (B) W McKeown 8-11	L Charnock	90
3	(2)	003	HARNAGE 7 M Channon 8-11	J Fortune	96
4	(5)	00	JUST NOBBY 57 (B) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	71
5	(6)	6045	MOSS SIDE MONKEY 21 J Berry 8-11	T E Durcan (5)	96
6	(7)		RIBBLE ASSEMBLY R Fahey 8-11	J Carroll	–
7	(1)	665	UP THE CLARETS 5 (B) J J O'Neill 8-11	M Fenton	96
8	(4)		ANNIEMITCHELLSLASS D Moffatt 8-6	Darren Moffatt (3)	–
9	(9)	00	BEHIND THE VEIL 10 Mrs M Reveley 8-6	A Culhane	–

9-4 Fast Franc, 11-4 Harnage, 3-1 Moss Side Monkey, 7-1 Ribble Assembly, Up The Clarets, 16-1 Ellenber, 20-1 Just Nobby, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Williams, 9 winners from 19 runners, 47.4%; R Fahey, 4 from 11, 36.4%; T Etherington, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 25 from 133, 18.8%; J Berry, 42 from 248, 16.9%; M Johnston, 29 from 174, 16.7%; M Channon, 8 from 52, 15.4%; C Thornton, 11 from 76, 14.5%; A Bailey, 8 from 63, 12.7%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs L Pearce, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; J Weaver, 40 from 159, 25.2%; J Fortune, 25 from 127, 19.7%; K Sked, 6 from 32, 18.8%; N Kennedy, 11 from 70, 15.7%; D Wright, 7 from 47, 14.9%; T Williams, 11 from 85, 12.9%.

3.15 CELTIC PATRON DAY LIMITED STAKES
(£2,570: 6f) (11)

1	(1)	0002	NEEDLE MATCH 6 (D) J J O'Neill 4-9-8	J Carroll	87
2	(5)	3216	FLYING HAROLD 8 (D,F) M Channon 4-9-5	J Fortune	83
3	(3)	0200	CRAIGIE BOY 13 (B,CD,G,S) N Bycroft 7-9-2	P Roberts (5)	75
4	(2)	3130	KOMLUCKY 3 (V,D,F,G) A Mulholland 5-9-2	T E Durcan (5)	96
5	(11)	0030	LEADING PRINCESS 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-9-2	J Weaver	90
6	(9)	0050	MU-ARRIK 19 (V,D,G) G Oldroyd 9-9-2	R Farmer (7)	72
7	(6)	00-0	SIX FOR LUCK 82 (F) D Nolan 5-9-2	V Halliday	83
8	(7)	0004	SOUPERFICIAL 8 (V,D,F) N Tinkler 6-9-2	Kim Tinkler	85
9	(8)	5000	STEPHENSONS ROCKET 10 (F,G,S) R Fahey 6-9-2	R Winston (7)	81
10	(4)	0020	NELLIE NORTH 8 (V,F) G McCourt 4-8-13	A Eddery (7)	●
11	(10)	0390	SUEDORO 5 (CD,F) J Goldie 7-8-13	J Bramhill (5)	85

4-1 Flying Harold, 5-1 Leading Princess, Nellie North, 6-1 Komlucky, 13-2 Needle Match, 8-1 Souperficial, Stephensons Rocket, 10-1 others.

3.45 SUNDAY MAIL HANDICAP
(Qualifier: £3,436: 1m 1f) (9)

1	(8)	01-2	WESTERN GENERAL 6 (C,F,G,S) Miss M Milligan 6-10-0	N Horrocks (7)	97
2	(7)	050-	SARMATIAN 18J (C,F,S) M Hammond 6-9-12	J Fortune	90
3	(6)	0012	CANADIAN FANTASY 13 M Johnston 3-9-5	J Weaver	96
4	(1)	-840	THAT OLD FEELING 22 (D,F) D Chapman 5-8-5	A Culhane	85
5	(5)	2213	PRINCIPAL BOY 6 (CD,G,S) T Etherington 4-8-3	Dale Gibson	●
6	(3)	2240	NOBBY BARNES 17 (D,F,G) E Incisa 8-7-10	Kim Tinkler	98
7	(6)	0405	TERMON 10 (G) Miss L Perratt 4-7-10	N Kennedy	98
8	(2)	2665	HUTCHIES LADY 13 (C,S) R McKellar 5-7-10	J McAuley (7)	95
9	(4)	0500	RAPID MOVER 10 (B,C,S) D Nolan 10-7-10	K Sked (5)	87

5-2 Western General, 7-2 Principal Boy, 4-1 Canadian Fantasy, 6-1 Termon, 8-1 Sarmatian, Hutchies Lady, 14-1 Nobby Barnes, 16-1 others.

4.15 RIVER CLYDE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,444: 1m 3f) (9)

1	(7)	60/	DANCING CORMORANT 662 P Monteith 4-9-13	J Bramhill (5)	–
2	(1)	0021	TRYING TIMES 6 (C,S) J Berry 4-9-13	T E Durcan (5)	80
3	(9)	433/	CITTERN 803 Mrs M Reveley 7-9-5	A Culhane	–
4	(2)	3-00	CRAIGARY 32 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 6-8-13	J Fortune	70
5	(6)	6-01	MONACO GOLD 6 (C,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-13	D Wright	●
6	(5)	000	DARO'S GIRL 29 D Moffatt 4-8-10	Darren Moffatt (3)	–
7	(8)	1463	PHILGEM 10 (CD,S) C Fairhurst 4-8-8	N Kennedy	87
8	(3)	-066	MIAMI MOON 14 C Thornton 3-8-2	Dale Gibson	82
9	(4)	0-2	AUNT DAPHNE 25 B McMahon 3-8-0	L Charnock	98

5-2 Monaco Gold, 3-1 Trying Times, 4-1 Philgem, 5-1 Aunt Daphne, 6-1 Miami Moon, 8-1 Cittern, 20-1 Daro's Girl, 25-1 others.

4.45 CAMPSIE FELL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,791: 1m 4f) (6)

1	(4)	230	SURTSEY 18 M Johnston 9-7	J Weaver	●
2	(2)	1063	BELLE BIJOU 6 M Johnston 8-10	K M Chin (3)	94
3	(5)	6021	QUEZON CITY 29 (CD,F) M Camacho 8-9	L Charnock	94
4	(3)	4042	WILDMOOR 19 J Bethell 8-7	T Williams	98
5	(6)	0005	MAREMMA 19 E Incisa 7-10	Kim Tinkler	98
6	(1)	00-0	SHOTLEY PRINCESS 18 N Bycroft 7-10	N Kennedy	78

7-4 Quezon City, 5-2 Wildmoor, 11-4 Surtsey, 7-1 Belle Bijou, 10-1 others.

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CRICKET: HAMPSHIRE SUBSIDE AS GILLESPIE RETURNS FROM INJURY TO STAKE CLAIM FOR THIRD TEST

Salisbury seals first victory for Surrey

By Ivo Tennant

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (17pts) bt Nottinghamshire (4) by 131 runs

SO SURREY have won a championship match at last. They did so with just five balls remaining, Ian Salisbury taking a sixth, deserved wicket through the kind of sharp catch by James Knott that would have delighted his revered father. Nottinghamshire, who were left to make 252 to win in trying conditions, were always thinking in terms of playing for a draw rather than any pyrotechnics.

Without their captain, Johnson, who has a broken finger, they did not bat with any great resolve. Robinson again went early and it was simply a matter after that of whether they could cope with the turning ball on a pitch still moist after all the rain of last week. It was cutting up at both ends, providing sufficient rough for the spinners, Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq.

Salisbury, unaccountably, was not brought on until the last over before tea. He had taken only nine first-class wickets hitherto this season, which no doubt came into his captain's reckoning. By the end of the day, he was bowling with every fielder encircling the bat, which in itself will have done something for his self-esteem.

Thorpe held three sharp catches at slip, Butcher one at silly mid-off. Afzaal was bowled off a pad and Knott, standing up, accounted for Bowen as the ball lifted and turned. In the mind's eye, one could see his father, Alan, keeping wicket to Derek Underwood with similar expertise. Salisbury's figures of 6 for 19 were his best for his adopted county.

Saqlain bowled with guile and variation, angling his delivery all the while. He took the important wicket of Pollard, the opening batsman, who was grimly tenacious to the extent of taking 38 minutes to get off the mark and, when he changed ends, he had Hindson leg-before with his first ball. He and Salisbury got through their overs so quickly that four more were bowled than had been envisaged. That said, the clock at the Vauxhall End was showing 6pm, the scheduled close of play, when the final and decisive over began.

Nottinghamshire had declared at their overnight total, 128 runs in arrears, and the collusion between the captains meant that they were left with a minimum of 59 overs' batting. Surrey themselves had not exactly made their requisite number of runs with any degree of certitude. Butcher, for instance, was hit on his left thumb by Franks early in the day, damaging a nail which required taping up, and he was out next ball.

He, like Stewart, whose wife is in hospital, will still be joining England at Old Trafford today. So, of course, will Thorpe, whose 34 was Surrey's highest score. Lewis again made some runs and took the wicket of Robinson for the second time in the match with a ball that lifted off a length. Given that his victim was once his captain at one of his former counties, the result will have pleased him as much as anyone.

Australians enjoy revival of fortunes

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of three): the Australians beat Hampshire by an innings and 133 runs

THE contemptuous ease with which Hampshire were overpowered yesterday cleared the worry lines that have marked the features of Mark Taylor for the past six weeks. "That," the Australian captain said, "was by far our best performance. It finally feels like we are into this tour."

As the Australians' programme is fast approaching its midway point, this is some measure of their toils. An abbreviated preparation left them short of form for the one-day internationals and short of cohesion for the first Test. The weather has since mocked them.

Only in this game have the pieces of the jigsaw begun to knit together and Taylor's expression told of the relief. "We couldn't really have asked for more out of it," he said. "This is the type of thing we did regularly on the last two tours, coming out and dominating teams from the start. It has been very encouraging."

Taylor is too shrewd to read much into the result alone. Hampshire are a weak side and they played into the Australians' hands by batting first when the pitch was damp. John Stephenson, whose woes as captain of Hampshire were compounded by a "pair", claimed that he had batted for patriotic reasons, that, with rain forecast, he might deny the touring team crucial batting time.

It was a decision that fell flat on every count. Hampshire's batting on the opening day was so woeful that the Australians were replying by mid-afternoon and, as the rain stayed away, they occupied the crease for four fruitful sessions. After that, the outcome was a formality and the focus of interest yesterday rested on the contest for places in the Australia seam attack at Old Trafford on Thursday.

This is one matter that continues to tease Taylor, though certainly not to trouble him. "All the bowlers came through superbly here and we are going to Manchester with 17 fit men," he said. "The hardest thing is narrowing it down to 11, but that is a good problem to have."

With Glenn McGrath, who was happy to rest here, an automatic selection, two seam bowling positions lie between Jason Gillespie, Mike Kasprowicz and Paul Reiffel. The latter, rushed into the Lord's Test and a canny exponent of slow, English pitches, may suddenly feel under pressure, for his two rivals shared six of the remaining eight wickets yesterday, sustaining a challenging pace and consistent line.

Reiffel had picked up the first of the day, forcing Jason Laney on to the back foot and taking his outside edge after a third-wicket stand of 77, but it was when Gillespie replaced him from the Northlands Road end that the Hampshire resistance wilted.

Gillespie, making his return from hamstring trouble sustained in the Edgbaston Test, had worn new boots on Saturday and earned himself a painful blister. Re-equipped with his faithful old pair, he rushed in yesterday with a venom that even surprised his captain. "I had thought he might try to ease himself back, but when you're 22 and on your first Ashes tour, you don't ease into anything," Taylor said.

Kendall was his first victim, creasebound and palpably leg-before. Stephenson was out first ball, fatally going back to a ball of full length. The most important blow was struck when Robin Smith played a stiff forcing shot and edged at some pace to third slip, where Shane Warne held the catch. Smith had laboured 148 minutes for 44, adding only 17 in 95 minutes yesterday.

With him, however, went the prospect of serious Hampshire defiance. Gillespie rested with session figures of three for seven from eight overs and Kasprowicz, suitably galvanised, took three of the last four wickets as the Australians secured their second first-class win with three hours to spare.

Milburn, the Hampshire batsman, is bowled by Kasprowicz as the last wicket falls to the Australians. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Flintoff sparks Lancashire revival

By Simon Wilde

WORCESTER (final day of four): Lancashire (19pts) beat Worcestershire (0) by three wickets

ANDREW FLINTOFF, the England Under-19 captain, played the innings of his life yesterday to transform an imminent fourth successive defeat for Lancashire into a long-overdue first championship win of the season. Coming in with his side at 52 for four, and their target of 236 a distant prospect, he turned the match around with an innings of 70 from 101 balls that contained ten fours, a six and bags of composure.

Flintoff was ably assisted by Hegg, with whom he shared a partnership of 98 at almost a run per ball for the seventh wicket and who, in company with Martin, presided over the final rites. Flintoff was leg-before to Leatherdale with 33 needed but Martin came in and calmed nerves by thumping 24 from 17 balls.

Hegg's unbeaten 54 was priceless but it was Flintoff, 19, who first gave the impression, in a sparky partnership of 41 with Austin, that Lancashire were not just having a thrash but actually building a platform for victory.

Through a combination of under-19 commitments and injury, Flintoff has rarely been seen in first-team cricket. This was only his second championship appearance and five previous first-class innings had yielded only 36 runs, but there is no doubting his pedigree.

He mixed sensible defence with elegant hitting on both sides of the wicket and everyone who has been involved with him — including David Lloyd, who coached the under-19 team before taking over the national side — raves about his prospects. He was identified as a lively fast-medium bowler at the age of 16 but a back injury kept him out of the game last year and forced him to concentrate on his batting.

"The problem is that one side of his back has been growing quicker than the other," Graham Saville, the England Under-19 manager, said yesterday. "He is a big lad — 6ft 4in — but young and has perhaps outgrown his strength. He has tended to play his shots too early but he is a highly promising all-rounder." Unfortunately for Lancashire, Flintoff is off to captain the under-19 side against Zimbabwe next month.

Flintoff might have been out for nought but Rhodes spilt a low chance off Lampitt that would have left Lancashire tottering at 52 for five. The light was then deteriorating but Flintoff and Austin hung on well before, with three lights on the board and rain falling, Lampitt pulled off a fine one-handed catch from a hard-hit drive from Austin.

Before Hegg could reach the middle, the umpires called an early tea and, when played resumed, the light had improved. Flintoff struck the ball cleanly and dealt ruthlessly with Leatherdale, who was pressed into service in the absence of Haynes, who was off the field with back trouble of his own. Flintoff's maiden fifty contained 42 runs in boundaries.

Even when they were losing wickets, Lancashire scored so briskly that the 64 overs available to them never came into play. They won with 12 overs to spare but their target did not appear generous when Newport and Sheriyar were beating the bat in their opening spells.

Newport quickly accounted for Wood and Crawley, Sheriyar for Atherton with a fine outswinger. Lloyd blazed away for a while before playing round a ball from Lampitt. Flintoff was dropped again on 57, a simple chance to Sheriyar, but by then it was almost too late for Worcestershire. The bowler was Moody — and he only puts himself on in emergencies.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (9)	8	4	1	3	17	28	118
Essex (5)	7	4	1	2	18	28	116
Glamorgan (10)	8	4	1	3	17	25	115
Kent (4)	7	4	2	1	14	28	109
Gloucs (13)	8	3	2	3	13	28	98
Notts (17)	8	3	2	3	5	29	91
Yorkshire (6)	8	2	2	4	16	25	85
Leics (1)	8	1	0	7	19	38	84
Hampshire (14)	8	2	2	4	21	18	83
Somerset (11)	8	1	2	5	16	29	76
Worcs (7)	7	1	1	5	15	21	72
Warwicks (8)	7	2	1	4	10	17	71
Surrey (3)	8	1	2	5	16	20	67
Durham (18)	7	1	2	4	14	23	65
Lancashire (15)	8	1	4	3	12	21	58
Sussex (12)	8	0	3	5	12	30	57
Derbyshire (2)	8	0	4	4	10	29	51
Northants (16)	7	0	2	5	7	17	39

□ Worcestershire's record includes eight points as side batting last in match where scores finished level

(1996 positions in brackets)

Oxford's surrender bodes ill for Lord's

By Rupert Cox

TAUNTON (final day of three): Somerset beat Oxford University by an innings and 46 runs

IT WAS scarcely the preparation for the University match at Lord's tomorrow that Oxford University desired. Having confirmed an impotence in their bowling resources, the Oxford batsmen capitulated to 93 for five at tea yesterday and Somerset, despite some tail-end resistance, completed an innings victory with 13 balls to spare.

Only a competent sixth-wicket stand of 44 between Chetan Patel and James Averis, plus some stern defence from the lower order, stemmed the tide after more distinguished batsmen had succumbed to Richard Sladdin, the former Derbyshire slow left-arm bowler, who gleaned five for 60 on his Somerset debut.

Oxford had hoped that Mark Wagh, their injured captain, would not have to bat. Ultimately, he arrived at No 11, batting left-handed, but was adjudged leg-before first ball.

Somerset, meanwhile, were left to contemplate the steady decline of their young opening batsmen, Mark Lathwell and Marcus Trescothick. Not so long ago, they were being touted as their openers for a decade to come. Trescothick's dip in form has been long-term, while Lathwell, demoted in the order for this match, has managed just 241 first-class runs this season.

A spell as second-team openers beckons, such is the decline of batsmen short of both confidence and adroit footwork.

In the morning, Somerset added 150 runs before the declaration, with Michael Burns and Keith Parsons accounting for the bulk of the scoring with a lively fifth-wicket stand of 81. Burns, indulging himself against some friendly fire, cracked 56 at a run a ball, leaving Oxford to score 232 to avoid an innings defeat.

Swinging Smith and Lewis prove unable to hold sway

By John Thicknesse

LUTON (final day of four: Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (3pts) drew with Gloucestershire (3)

ONLY the weather deprived Gloucestershire of what was showing every sign of becoming a well-deserved win at Wardown Park. They had much the better of their opponents, despite losing what could have been a critical toss. Having left themselves 42 overs in which to bowl Northamptonshire out, they required only 67 balls to tear them down to 26 for five, before drizzle cut 23 overs out of the final session.

Accurately as they continued to bowl, the task of taking the remaining five wickets in inside eight overs proved beyond even Mike Smith, the left-handed inswing bowler and a new England recruit, and Jon Lewis, who was bowling outswingers at a sharp pace. Aged 21, and standing 6ft 2in, Lewis was a member of the Northamptonshire staff in 1994.

If Gloucestershire made a mistake, it was in delaying their declaration until Northamptonshire had to score at 4.3 runs an over to overhaul their total of 180 for seven. It would be harsh to blame Mark Alleyne for that, however; with the exception of Mohammad Akram, their Pakistani fast bowler, and briefly Paul Taylor and Kevan Curran, the Northamptonshire bowling was so inconsisent that it was almost impossible to assess where the target should be pitched.

With the Axa Life League match washed out on Sunday, this proved to be an expensive few days for Northamptonshire on two fronts. They look to their home-from-home in Bedfordshire to yield some £10,000 in fine weather: and they also needed the points to get off the bottom of the championship table.

Though Gloucestershire batted with exaggerated wariness until Young, Alleyne and Russell added 93 for the sixth and seventh wickets, they were probably pleasantly surprised that they were never in serious danger of being bowled out for something in the region of 130 in conditions so much in favour of seam and swing.

Northamptonshire made a promising start when Mohammad Akram, having knocked Wright off his feet with a yorker to the boot, had him caught at third slip next ball with one that lifted and left him — the first of three well-taken catches by Penberthy there. From then until Russell came in at No 8 to score 31 off 37 balls, though, twice skipping away to leg to make room to drive Curran through extra cover, neither team played cricket to remember with pride. Trainor, fifth out for Gloucestershire, took 106 balls to make 20.

The early Northamptonshire batsmen found it hard to lay a bat on Smith and Lewis in the first few overs, so much did the ball swing. When the game resumed at 6.20pm, however, Gloucestershire needed every chance to stick to win, and, in a half-light, that proved too much to ask.

BOWLS

England fall to power of Scotland

By David Rhys Jones

BOWLS came home yesterday when the home international series returned to Worthing, the game's headquarters, for the first time since 1993. However, there was little for the host country to celebrate.

Scotland, the holders, though a little slow to get into their stride, soon overhauled England, who had introduced six newcomers and recalled two former internationals after a poor performance saw them finish in third place in Ireland last year.

Richard Corsie, the chairman of the Professional Bowls Association, led the Scottish charge with Willie Wood, Scotland's most famous bowler, who is playing in his 31st international series, not far behind.

Corsie's rink outplayed David Ward's quartet, 26-15, while the 58-year-old Wood, playing as well as ever, skipped his rink to an 18-13 win over Lee Miller, a new England skip, from March in Cambridgeshire.

Another skip making his international debut, Danny Denison, from Devon, steered his men — including two new caps and a recall — to a 15-10 win over Alex Marshall in a low-scoring contest, 25 shots being scored in 21 ends.

In previous years, Scotland would have taken two points and England none, but the new scoring system awards ten points for overall victory, and two bonus points for each winning rink, so Scotland won 16-6.

Wales, under the cosh for almost three hours, somehow escaped to defeat the Channel Islands, 122-103, and by 16-6.

Earlier, John Ottaway, of Norfolk, who was hoping to regain the British Isles singles title that he last won in 1989, was beaten 21-12 in the semi-final by David Wilkins, who represented Wales in the Commonwealth Games of 1970.

Wilkins will meet Jeremy Henry, of Ireland, in the final. Henry, of Portrush, beat Pat McNally, of Scotland, 21-17. Henry led 20-12 after 22 ends, but McNally rallied with a single and two doubles to close the gap to just three shots at 20-17. However, his fightback ended when Henry gained the single that he needed.

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ICC to rule on Tests under lights

TEST matches in the next series between Australia and South Africa could become the first to continue under floodlights during bad light, subject to approval by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

A proposal by the Australian Cricket Board, supported by South Africa, will be put to an ICC meeting in London next week. Australia played under floodlights in poor light in tour matches in Cape Town and Johannesburg earlier this year. They return to the continent in December.

Ali Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said: "If the ICC gives the go-ahead, the series later this year could be the first to be played under the new dispensation."

SQUASH: Peter Nicol, 24, from Inverurie, near Aberdeen, has taken over from Rodney Eyles, of Australia, as the world No 2 behind Jansher Khan, of Pakistan. Chris Walker, the England No 1, has dropped one place to No 7.

POLO: The contest for the British Open continued on Kerry Packer's pitch at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday with the match between the Buffalos, who are put together by the French player, Jean-Francois Decaux, and Packer's Ellerston White, who won 9-6.

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, R Pemble (1); 2, G Tanoira (6); 3, G Pieres (10); back, I Gonzales.

BUFFALOS: 1, J-F Decaux (1); 2, J Bollini (7); 3, J Zavaleta (8); back, A Fanshawe (4).

GOLF: Ireland will host a regional qualifying competition for the Open championship for the first time next year. County Louth has been chosen as one of the 14 venues. Other new choices are Blackmoor, in Hampshire, and Stockport.

HOCKEY: The England women's team slumped to their first defeat in the six nations' tournament in Seoul yesterday when they went down 2-0 to Holland.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series

Hampshire v Australians

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of three): Australians beat Hampshire by an innings and 133 runs

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 156

Second Innings

J S Laney c Healy b Reiffel	30
M L Hayden b Gillespie	2
M Keech c Kasprowicz b Gillespie	8
R A Smith c Warne b Gillespie	44
W S Kendall lbw b Gillespie	18
*J P Stephenson b Gillespie	0
†A N Aymes c Blewett b Kasprowicz	18
S D Udal b Warne	21
S J Renshaw not out	13
J N B Bovill c Healy b Kasprowicz	1
S M Milburn b Kasprowicz	3
Extras (lb 6 nb 14)	20
Total	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-14, 3-91, 4-111, 5-111, 6-114, 7-143, 8-159, 9-160.

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 14.4-1-69-3; Gillespie 13-6-33-5; Warne 19-7-26-1; Reiffel 8-1-27-1; Bevan 7-3-15-0.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 465 for 8 dec (M E Waugh 173, M A Taylor 109, M T G Elliott 61, S J Renshaw 4 for 107)

Umpires: H D Bird and B Leadbeater

Britannic Assurance county championship

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

LUTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (3pts) drew with Gloucestershire (3)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Penberthy b Mohammad Akram	9
N J Trainor c Penberthy b Mohammad Akram	20
R J Cunliffe c Penberthy b Curran	2
M A Lynch c Bailey b Curran	22
A M Smith b Curran	6
S Young run out	48
*M W Alleyne c Ripley b Curran	21
†R C Russell not out	31
T H C Hancock not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 2, nb 6)	16
Total (7 wkts dec, 54 overs)	180

K P Sheeraz and J J Lewis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-21, 3-43, 4-49,

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 14-4-30-2; Taylor 12-1-40-0; Curran 15-3-69-4; Boswell 10-5-14-0; Penberthy 3-0-19-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

M B Loye lbw b Smith	1
R J Warren b Lewis	0
*R J Bailey lbw b Smith	7
K M Curran not out	32
T C Walton b Lewis	5
D J G Sales c Russell b Lewis	0
A L Penberthy lbw b Smith	6
†D Ripley not out	2
Extras (lb 1 nb 4)	5
Total (6 wkts, 19.3 overs)	58

J P Taylor, Mohammad Akram and S A J Boswell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-12, 4-18, 5-18, 6-37.

BOWLING: Smith 10-3-36-3; Lewis 9.3-6-21-3.

Umpires: R Palmer and R A White

Surrey v Nottinghamshire

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (17pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by 131 runs

SURREY: First Innings 201 for 9 dec (P J Franks 4 for 47)

Second Innings

M A Butcher c Pollard b Franks	10
J D Ratcliffe c Dowman b Evans	11
G P Thorpe c Franks b Bowen	34
*A J Hollioake c Hindson b Evans	7
A D Brown c Robinson b Franks	1
B C Hollioake c Noon b Hindson	10
C C Lewis not out	33
†J A Knott not out	7
Extras (b 8 w 2)	10
Total (6 wkts dec)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-27, 3-41, 4-50, 5-66, 6-98.

BOWLING: Evans 8-0-20-2; Franks 9-3-30-2; Bowen 9.2-1-34-1; Hindson 8-3-31-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 73 for 1 dec

Second Innings

P R Pollard c Salisbury b Saqlain Mushtaq	33
*R T Robinson c Bicknell b Lewis	10
M P Dowman lbw b Bicknell	11
N Astle c Thorpe b Salisbury	11
A A Metcalfe c Thorpe b Salisbury	4
U Afzaal b Salisbury	12
K P Evans c Butcher b Salisbury	4
J E Hindson lbw b Saqlain Mushtaq	6
P J Franks not out	1
M N Bowen c Knott b Salisbury	0
Extras (b 12, lb 5, nb 4)	21
Total	120

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-48, 3-78, 4-79, 5-88, 6-95, 7-101, 8-117, 9-120.

BOWLING: Bicknell 11-3-30-1; Lewis 7-1-20-1; Saqlain Mushtaq 26-13-34-2; Salisbury 18.1-11-19-6; A J Hollioake 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews

Worcestershire v Lancashire

WORCESTER (final day of four): Lancashire (19pts) beat Worcestershire by three wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 100 for 7 dec

Second Innings

T S Curtis not out	77
W P C Weston not out	46
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 4, nb 4)	12
Total (no wkt dec)	135

BOWLING: Shadford 8-1-51-0; Martin 9-1-23-0; Austin 8-2-15-0; Lloyd 6.5-0-42-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings forfeited

Second Innings

N T Wood c Lampitt b Newport	3
*M A Atherton c Rhodes b Sheriyar	4
J P Crawley lbw b Newport	13
G D Lloyd b Lampitt	21
P C McKeown b Leatherdale	9
A Flintoff lbw b Leatherdale	70
I D Austin c and b Lampitt	22
†W K Hegg not out	54
P J Martin not out	24
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 12)	17
Total (7 wkts)	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-14, 3-52, 4-52, 5-64, 6-105, 7-203.

BOWLING: Newport 15-3-53-2; Sheriyar 8-0-47-1; Lampitt 14-3-46-2; Leatherdale 11.1-0-70-2; Moody 4-0-20-0.

Umpires: V A Holder and T E Jesty

AON TROPHY (one day): North Perrott: Somerset 261-8. Worcestershire 263-6 (J R Williams 93). Worcestershire beat Somer-

University match

Somerset v Oxford Univ

TAUNTON (final day of three): Somerset beat Oxford University by an innings and 46 runs

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 241 for 9 dec (M A Wagh 125 not out)

Second Innings

C G R Lightfoot c Holloway b Sladdin	24
B W Byrne lbw b Kerr	7
P G Morgan lbw b Sladdin	17
R D Hudson c Herzberg	2
J A G Fulton c Burns b Sladdin	31
C Patel c Holloway b Sladdin	29
J M M Averis c Parsons b Herzberg	29
L G Buchanan c Bowler b Sladdin	15
†A P Scott b Parsons	18
C M Battarbee not out	2
*M A Wagh lbw b Parsons	0
Extras (b 6 nb 6)	12
Total	186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-43, 3-62, 4-75, 5-85, 6-129, 7-152, 8-186, 9-166.

BOWLING: Kerr 14-3-41-1; Trego 5-0-14-0; Herzberg 22-6-61-2; Sladdin 25-9-60-5; Parsons 3.5-1-4-2.

SOMERSET: First Innings

*P D Bowler c Scott b Patel	123
P C L Holloway c Scott b Wagh	30
S C Ecclestone c Lightfoot b Averis	133
M N Lathwell b Averis	21
K A Parsons c Scott b Byrne	48
†M Burns c Averis b Battarbee	56
M E Trescothick c & b Battarbee	3
J I D Kerr not out	28
S Herzberg not out	12
Extras (b 7 lb 6, nb 6)	19
Total (7 wkts dec)	473

R W Sladdin and S J Trego did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-271, 3-292, 4-325, 5-409, 6-421, 7-425.

BOWLING: Averis 22-2-103-2; Patel 23-2-115-1; Wagh 6-1-24-1; Byrne 22-3-115-1; Battarbee 18-1-91-2; Lightfoot 1-0-11-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and J Lloyds

NO PLAY YESTERDAY: Britannic Assurance county championship (final day of four): Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire 3pts each. Headingley: Middlesex 150-3 (M R Ramprakash 76 not out) v Yorkshire. Match drawn. Yorkshire (4) drew with Middlesex (3). University match (final day of three): Canterbury: Kent 245 (M J Walker 62, E How 5-59) and 135-5 (N J Llong 39, C P Fulton 57); Cambridge University 197 (E T Smith 54).

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Special star sends satellite Briton speeding down to earth

Petchey: at crossroads

Michael Calvin finds Mark Petchey hungry for another taste of the high life after his defeat by Boris Becker

TWO worlds inhabited by Mark Petchey collided yesterday. The pristine lawns of Wimbledon's No 1 Court were an acceptable substitute for the crushed anthills of Chandigarh and the pulverised seashells of the Philippines. Unfortunately, Boris Becker is an entirely different animal from Dennis van Scheppingen or Kalle Flygt.

Petchey subsided to a deliciously old-fashioned British defeat, winning just eight games as he delayed lunch for the corporate hospitality hordes for 97 minutes. It was a civilised submission, all smiles and shrugs, as a supine crowd made one wish: that every day was Middle Sunday.

Becker, in his fourteenth Wimbledon, is playing to embellish a legend. He pays others to fret about his finances. Petchey, at the end of his ninth year on the professional tour, was playing for mortgage money. A third-round losers' cheque, for £16,810, will ease the culture shock of his passage back to the satellite circuit.

"I hate to think what sort of places I've been to," he said. "Some places I will never go back to, that's for sure. I don't really want to remember them. I've kind of pushed it to the back of my mind. You can't imagine the difference between Wimbledon and the Indian satellite. It's just like going to the moon."

A four-week tour of India, for tournaments in Jaipur, Chandigarh, Delhi and Calcutta, offers anonymity, suspect food and indescribable hotel rooms. Matches are played, without spectators and line judges, on recycled soil that is ground down to resemble clay.

The weekly prize fund for such events is £25,000, and a handful of computer points that are the hard currency of professional tennis. Meanwhile, the All England Club will distribute the little matter of £6,884,952 to the players this year.

A sense of scale, not to mention a sense of the surreal, is essential to such men as Petchey and Flygt, who beat him in the first round of the Malaysian tournament in Malacca in April. Petchey, approaching his 27th birthday, is quickly reaching the crossroads of his career. He has lost his Davis Cup place and his world ranking, as high as 80 in August 1994, has slipped to 207. His first wedding anniversary, on Saturday, will increase the temptation to think beyond his cameo appearance in the British tennis explosion.

"Nine years is a long time to go to places where you turn up, check into some basic hotel and just go and play on something that's not even a park court," Petchey said. "After a while, if your ranking is on the slide, there is no motivation to do that. There is a point in my life when I'm sure I'll just sit down and say: 'No, this is enough.' I'll just do something else.

"Right now, I've got an overwhelming desire to get my ranking back, but I don't think, if I'm at 200 in 12 months' time, I'll particularly want to keep going. There's no doubt tennis is getting tougher and tougher. There are fewer tournaments for someone whose ranking is where mine is. You have to have a belief in yourself, that you can overcome all the young guys coming through."

The honourable 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 defeat by Becker yesterday confirmed that the differences in class are minute, and certainly unrecognisable to the type of audience for whom Wimbledon is merely another stop on the summer social circuit. If Sunday's drug of choice was Ecstasy, Monday's was Mogadon.

After the terrace chants in Henman's name, it was back to trite entreaties like "Come on Mark", which were answered, in an irritating instant, by stunningly original pleas to "Come on Boris". Petchey, probably surprised that they remembered his Christian name, somehow gave the impression that he was enjoying it hugely. He even applauded Becker when he won a set point against him.

Such enthusiasm was endearing and understandable. It was the first time that Petchey had reached the third round in a grand-slam event. Becker, winner of six grand-slam titles, is an ideal role model for a journeyman.

As Petchey said: "You don't win this tournament three times without being a bit special, and Boris is special. I think there's a positive feeling about British tennis. With Greg and Tim, and the rest of British sport, doing so well, you can see everyone is enjoying life. Everyone is upbeat and we've got to keep that going. Sport is a key part of the nation's spirit.

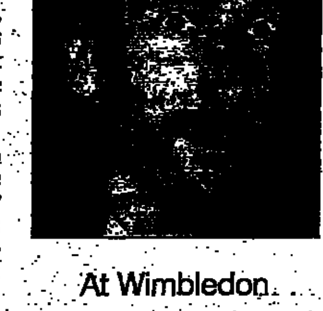
"The thing about tennis is that it is a great learning curve for your life. I started off going to places like North Africa, worked my way up and got into main tour events. You get a great high from being there. You're pampered silly. But I've dropped away. I'm back to almost where I started.

"It makes you realise that, on the way up, you'd better be nice to everyone because, on the way down, it's just as bad. You're back playing the same places, and there are people there who, if you weren't too nice to them before, are not going to help you out."

Becker would have approved. The lines of his life are not restricted to the lines drawn on a tennis court. In the coming weeks, Petchey will continue to try to salvage his career at Challenger tournaments in Bristol and Manchester. You do not have to be a one-eyed patriot to wish him well.

Sampras revels in secret of his supremacy

SIMON BARNES


At Wimbledon

My old friend Frances Edmonds, writing a piece about England cricketers in which she described Paul Allott as "a Botham clone, but slimmer and brighter. Who isn't?", summed up another player as "rather good at cricket". I can't remember which player she meant, which rather proves her point.

Now comes the moment to sum up Pete Sampras. The phrase "rather good at tennis" comes to mind, but it is inaccurate. Seriously superb at tennis is much better. But what of the inner Sampras, the Pete within? All is mystery.

He was seriously superb yesterday when he took on Byron Black. Byron found a Hellespont-wide gap in class and he never looked like swimming across. Sampras won 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in 11 minutes over the hour.

I was somewhat incongruously quoted in another newspaper this week as "a respected tennis commentator", and as such, I feel it incumbent on me to reveal the secret of Sampras's skills. Here we go: Sampras has a very good forehand; he also has a very good backhand. Add this to a very good service and you have something really rather good.

Tennis is one of the world's most theatrical games and many of its great players have used their sense of theatre as a potent weapon. Connors and McEnroe are but the most obvious examples. Both were capable of using their reputations, their ability to communicate with crowds, almost as extra shots in the armoury.

Tim Henman is not an extreme performer in that line, certainly no audience-milker. But you can read him: the fist-clenching, the mirthless shark grin he makes by biting on his back teeth as an opportunity opens up. The epic of Middle Sunday turned on the two-way communication between Henman and the crowd.

Tennis is a drama and an important part of its means of communication is body language. But Sampras does not have body language like everybody else. He is that rare thing: a top-level athlete whose body is almost mute.

There is just one instance in which he gives himself away, and he did it on match point yesterday. That is in his trademark slam-dunk shot, an overhead played with a slightly unnecessary leap and with about ten times more power than is actually required. It is his one self-indulgence, his *one bit of flamboyance.*

MARC ASPLAND

Sampras, poised for victory over Black yesterday, continues to make remorseless progress towards another title

It is the one clue to the fact that he is secretly enjoying himself out there; that he loves his power, his physical well-being, his ability to hit tennis balls so hard that they never come back. It also tells us that he really likes beating the hell out of an opponent, that he loves combat and, above all, victory. Then it is back behind the mask, back to that curious, miserable-looking head carriage, the hang of the head that looks as if he is in danger of wearing holes in his shirt with his chin.

He will never be the hottest item in tennis, not in the first week of Wimbledon, when *leading players usually win.* Those players whose stock-in-trade is their theatricality steal the scenes and the headlines; those who trade only in ability must bide their time until the competition gets hotter. Only then can they show us what they are made of.

Sampras has said before that he really likes it when Andre Agassi is playing. Agassi can draw the media's fire; Sampras can sneak in behind him. "I prefer being not really looked at," he said yesterday, a strange remark for a man whose trade is public performance. "I just like to play my tennis. I don't ever want to be the centre of attention. I hope that doesn't change. Right now, Henman and Rusedski are playing really well and taking up a lot of attention — and that's perfect."

He is as diffident a man as ever flayed the hide off anyone on a tennis court. After winning his first grand-slam title at 19, he went into a decline, hated the attention and the expectations, spoke about the "burden" of being a champion. I, unerring judge that I am, couldn't see him ever pulling himself together again. He has, gathering another eight grand-slam titles, three of them here.

There is much, much more to Sampras than meets the eye. He is a man of secrets. As others have used their theatricality as weapons, so Sampras exploits his anonymity. He shows no weakness, no triumph. He is the tennis equivalent of the Man With No Name. You cannot read him, you cannot reach him. In his brooding mystery, he is disquieting: even slightly sinister.

He can impose an icy mental grip on his opponent, and certainly he did so to poor old Black. When it came to the tennis yesterday, Sampras was not magnificent. He was better than that — he was immaculate. Anyone who bet the mortgage on him winning the championship will be sleeping soundly tonight.

RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

Men's singles

Winner. £415,000

Runner-up. £207,500

Holder: R Krajicek (Holl)

First round

P SAMPRAS (US) bt B Black (Zim) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2
P KORDA (Cz) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4
M RIOS (Chile) bt J van Lottum (Holl) 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4
B BECKER (Ger) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2
Y KAFELNIKOV (Russ) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-3, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3
N Kiefer (Ger) bt A *MEDVEDEV* (*Ukr*) 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4
P RAFTER (Aus) bt C van Garsse (Bel) 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
T Woodbridge (Aus) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4

Men's doubles

Winners: £170,030

Runners-up. £85,010

Holders: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus)

Second round

N BROAD (GB) and P NORVAL (SA) bt C Brandi and F Messori (It) 7-6, 6-1
W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) bt E Sánchez (Sp) and F Santoro (Fr) 7-5, 6-4
B Behrens (US) and C Haggard (SA) bt P Albano (Arg) and S Dosedel (Cz) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4
S Groen (Holl) and S Hirszon (Cro) bt D Randall and J Waite (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2
J Knippschild (Ger) and J Tarango (US) bt G CONNELL (Can) and S Davis (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3
R LEACH and J STARK (US) bt K Kinnear (US) and A Kitinov (Bela) 6-3, 7-6
M DAMM and P VIZNER (Cz) bt E Couto and B Mota (Por) 6-4, 7-6
J BJORKMAN and N Kulti (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) and J Gimelstob (US) 6-2, 6-1

First round

B Haygarth (SA) and G van Emburgh (US) bt O Delaitre and G Raoux (Fr) 7-6, 6-2
J Novak and D Rikl (Cz) bt M Keil and J Salzenstein (US) 7-5, 6-3
S STOLLE (Aus) and C SUK (Cz) bt D Dilucia (US) and R Smith (Bah) 6-0, 3-6, 6-4
D JOHNSON and F MONTANA (US) bt P Cash (Aus) and R Reneberg (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
J ELTINGH and P HAARHUIS (Holl) bt P Kilderry and M Tebbutt (Aus) 7-6, 7-6
A Olhovskiy (Russ) and B Steven (NZ) bt J Delgado and A Foster (GB) 4-6, 7-5, 6-1
T WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt N Pereira (Ven) and C van Rensburg (SA) 6-1, 6-4
M PHILIPPOUSSIS and P RAFTER (Aus) bt L Jensen and M Jensen (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
B MacPhie (US) and G Muller (SA) bt M Petchey and A L Richardson (GB) 7-6, 6-3

Sunday's late results

S Noteboom and F Wibier (Holl) bt S LAREAU (Can) and A O'BRIEN (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4
Black and Gimelstob bt K Jones and S Melville (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
Couto and Mota bt B Cowan and N Weal (GB) 6-4, 7-6
Kinnear and Kitinov bt P Baur and M Göllner (Ger) 7-6, 6-7, 14-12

Women's singles

Winner. £373,500

Runner-up £186,750

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Third round

M Vento (Ven) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-2, 7-5
D Chladkova (Cz) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-7, 6-3, 8-6
P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-4, 6-1.
Y Basuki (Indo) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-2
M J FERNANDEZ (US) bt T Tanasugarn (Thai) 6-2 6-4
J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt G Leon-Garcia (Sp) 6-4, 6-2
A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-1, 6-2
M PIERCE (Fr) bt M Serna (Sp) 6-4, 6-3
N Tauziat (Fr) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
S Testud (Fr) bt M SELES (US) 0-6, 6-4, 8-6

Sunday's late result

A Kournikova (Russ) bt A HUBER (Ger) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4

Women's doubles

Winners £147,010

Runners-up £73,270

Holders: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz)

Second round

A FRAZIER and K PO (US) bt T Jones (US) and M Muric (Cro) 6-2, 6-3
L NEILAND (Lat) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt O Lugina (*Ukr*) *and E Wagner* (*Ger*) 6-3, 6-2
N ARENDT (US) and M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) bt S H Park (S Kor) and S Wang (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-0
K ADAMS and L McNEIL (US) bt B Rittner (Ger) and D van Roost (Bel) 6-3, 1-6, 6-4
C Barclay (Aus) and C Wood (GB) bt K BOOGERT (Holl) and I SPIRLEA (Rom) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4
C RUBIN (US) and B SCHULTZ-McCARTHY (Holl) bt M Saeki and Y Yoshida (Japan) 7-6, 6-2
Y BASUKI (Indo) and C VIS (Holl) bt L Garrone and G Pizzichini (It) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2
S APPELMANS (Bel) and M OREMANS (Holl) bt A Dechaume-Balleret and S Testud (Fr) 6-4, 6-3
M J FERNANDEZ and L RAYMOND (US) bt C Cristea (Rom) and M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-3, 6-0
L DAVENPORT (US) and J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt D Graham (US) and K Kunce (Aus) 6-1, 6-2
M HINGIS (Switz) and A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt K-A Guse (Aus) and C Morariu (US) 6-3, 6-3
G FERNANDEZ (US) and N Zvereva (Bela) bt K Freye (Ger) and S Noorlander (Holl) 6-0 6-2

First round

A FUSAI (Fr) and R GRANDE (It) bt M Paz (Arg) and A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-3, 6-0
Saeki and Yoshida bt E de Lone (US) *and N Pratt* (*Aus*) *6-7, 7-6, 6-4*
A Kournikova and E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt P Shriver (US) and P Smylie (Aus) 3-6, 7-5, 9-7
N KIJIMUTA and N MIYAGI (Japan) bt V Csurgo (Hun) and C Schneider (Ger) 6-4, 6-3
A Huber (Ger) and M Seles (US) bt R Nideffer (SA) and K Rinaldi-Stunkel (US) 7-5, 6-3
S-A Siddall and A Wainwright (GB) bt P Langrova (Cz) and R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-2

Sunday's late results

E Callens (Bel) and G Helgeson Nielsen (US) bt C MARTINEZ (Sp) and P TARABINI (Arg) 6-4, 7-5
Park and Wang bt V Lake (GB) and L Pleming (Aus) 6-4, 6-4
NEILAND and SUKOVA bt L Montalvo (Arg) and H Nagyova (Slovakia) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
N TAUZIAT (Fr) and L M WILD (US) bt A J Coetzer (SA) and M Pierce (Fr) 6-1, 1-6, 10-8

Mixed doubles

Winners. £72,200

Runners-up: £36,100

Holders: C Suk and H Sukova (Cze)

First round

L Paes (India) and R Dragomir (Rom) bt C Wilkinson and S Smith (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1
N Broad (GB) and M de Swardt (SA) bt D Randall (US) and D J Jones (Aus) 7-5, 6-4
T Middleton and L McNeil (US) bt S Noteboom (Holl) and S Jeyaseelan (Can) 7-6, 7-5
M KNOWLES (Bah) and A KOURNIKOVA (Russ) bt S Melville (US) and N Pratt (Aus) 6-4, 7-5
D Orsanic and F Labat (Arg) bt J Waite (US) and M Muric (Cro) 6-4, 7-6
M Barnard (SA) and K Boogert (Holl) bt G van Emburgh (US) and E Melicharova (Cze) 6-2, 7-6
A OLHOVSKIY (Russ) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt D Eklerot (Swe) and L Pleming (Aus) 7-6, 6-1
R LEACH (US) and M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) bt R Smith (Bah) and A Frazier (US) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2
K Kinnear (US) and N Miyagi (Japan) bt P Norval and L Horn (SA) 7-6, 6-3
D ADAMS (SA) and A FUSAI (Fr) bt K Ullyett (SA) and R Nideffer (SA) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2
P Nyborg and A Carlsson (Swe) bt R Bergh (Swe) and P Hy-Boulais (Can) 7-5, 5-7, 6-4
C SUK and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt T Kronemann and K Rinaldi-Stunkel (US) 6-1, 7-5

Jensens offer colourful interlude

By Nick Szczepanik

A WEEK after starting his first match at Wimbledon, Mark Philippoussis finally played his second here yesterday and enjoyed better luck, reaching the second round of the men's doubles with his countryman, Pat Rafter. However, while his many supporters will be glad of the opportunity to see more of him, the competition will be the poorer for the exit of the Australians' opponents, the Jensen brothers.

The Michigan-born Jensens are a colourful partnership and more than just the entertaining sideshow they sometimes appear: their career earnings top the $1 million mark and there is a French Open championship to their name, won in 1993. Yesterday, with Luke favouring a star-spangled bandana as headgear, while brother Murphy sported a white, back-to-front baseball cap, they were never still, jogging on to court, off court and out of their two-man, between-points huddles.

They are all heart — Luke presented a towel to a spectator hit by a wild deflection — polite — always thanking the ball-boys and girls — and can play, too.

Murphy produced one delicate cross-court, drop-volley that wrong-footed both opponents, while Luke stood up to a fierce Philippoussis volley at the net to win a point when others might have dived for cover. Yet, after taking the first set with a break at Philippoussis's expense, the Jensens found the Australians too hard to handle, losing 6-4, 3-6, 4-6.

Neil Broad, who won a silver medal with Tim Henman for Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, reached the third round of the doubles with Piet Norval, of South Africa, Shirli-Ann Siddall and Amanda Wainwright reached the second round of the women's doubles, while Clare Wood and her partner, Catherine Barclay, of Australia, must play Gigi Fernandez and Natasha Zvereva, the No 1 seeds, after a 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 victory over the No 16 seeds, Kristie Boogert and Irina Spirlea.

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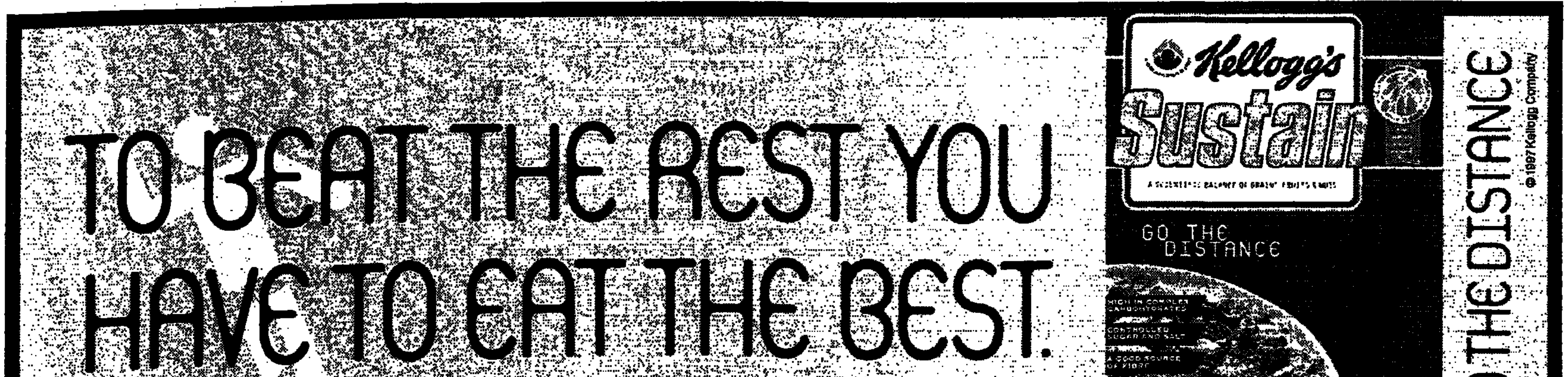
Rafter, left, discusses tactics with his compatriot, Philippoussis, during yesterday's doubles victory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Love game loses its attraction without vital Agassi-factor

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

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Head start: Rios, main picture, and Pierce show off their pony-tails during their matches yesterday

What really makes a decent Wimbledon for the lay observer, of course, is a bit of love interest. Hence the crushing disappointment in the Truss home when heart-throb Goran Ivanisevic stalked out defeated on Saturday. Goran (whose real personality may be pure pussycat, for all I know) projects the sort of intense, churlish male character that an inadequate woman has masochistic fantasies about. "Hurt me, Goran! Go on! Forget my birthday, you insensitive but thrilling, churlish brute!"

But now Big Goran has gone. Apparently his continued presence here depended on his ability to win matches. What a curious way to run an entertainment industry.

Yesterday, we had various would-be heart-throbs competing for catcall attention on the outside courts, but it's no good, they are mere shadows of the greats. I never thought I'd say it, but by comparison with the rest of the anodyne male grand slam giants on the tennis circuit, Pete ("no charisma") Sampras is beginning to look like Clark Gable.

Imagine getting worked up about Kafelnikov — you can't can you? Philippoussis and Rafter looked damned handsome by contrast with their doubles opponents, the Jensen brothers, but since the Jensens work hard to resemble refugees from a Beavis and Butthead cartoon, it wasn't difficult.

Admittedly, I fell under the spell of Andre Agassi in his exquisite blond period, a thing from which I will possibly never recover. I bought an Andre Agassi calendar, and everything. I've gone off him a bit in his peculiar Marat-in-the-bath period. But I will never forget how much I once really, really cared.

For men, of course, Wimbledon is a different event. It's a chance for them to see girls fiddling with their knickers, which makes them go all peculiar and lower their aesthetic standards. The strange popularity of Mary Pierce is a case in point.

Yesterday, in impractical and ill-fitting crop-top, Miss Pierce received her usual share of "Go on Mary's" — but her famed magnetism is an utter mystery to me. I mean, if it was just a matter of showing your midriff occasionally, we'd all do it.

Mary tweaks at her clothes — a tug here, a hoick there, a pat in another place, then another hoick and tug. All of which shows her to be body-conscious, of course, but it also gets on one's nerves. Buy some clothes that fit you, Mary. I'm sure you can afford it.

But the real trouble with Mary Pierce is that when her elders whispered to her in the cradle "You're never fully dressed without a smile," she pulled a face and stopped her ears. A little madam is what my Mum would call her.

This is a woman for whom the expression "Is it something at home?" was invented. And yet that sharp, minxy face evidently holds the keys to certain potent dreams. Hans Holbein used to paint portraits of those pale features in the 16th century — "Girl with gerbil", that sort of thing. Four hundred and fifty years ago, she'd have been the very dab.

So, the sex quotient was pretty low yesterday. All week, I had been dug deep in the ribs with the *sotto voce* tip "You ought to go and see Rios!", but I've seen this supposed crowd-pleaser three times now and I still don't get it at all.

Marcelo Rios is the Chilean star who declared "Grass is for cows" when he first played in Britain, and whose resemblance to Naomi Campbell's gypsy boyfriend is often noted. He has a black pony-tail combined imaginatively with a crew cut, and his eyes are too close together. All of which might be exciting in a red-hot-latin kind of way if his tennis had notable grandeur or surprise, which it hasn't.

The point is, I suppose, that glamour isn't everything. A diamond navel-stud in a blonde tennis-babe has limited attraction, in the long run. More people turned up for Seles than Pierce, and she's been wearing a dress specially designed to accentuate the spare tyre that she's been carrying.

No, what we want is big, inspiring personalities out there — big inspiring personalities with decent legs (the legs are not negotiable). Personally I went right off men's tennis in the 1980s not only because Lendl was stultifying to watch, but because I couldn't stand the way his socks stayed up. Compare, however, my excitement when that true star Andre Agassi shaved off his body hair. As I have often said, I wouldn't mind having the three-piece suite he stuffed with that little lot.

Actually, of all the bids for physical appeal at this Wimbledon, the one that will stick longest in the mind is Chris Evert at the opening ceremony for No I Court. She wore a short skirt, and the sight of her long brown slender legs was breathtaking — inducing in me the reaction Piglet has in Winnie the Pooh when he sees the blue braces and has to go home and lie down. Martina looked good too (though Billie Jean had let herself go), but Chris Evert was quite fabulous. Here is a woman who never needed a diamond navel-stud to get herself noticed.

The sight of those legs did make me wonder, however. How long does it take a tennis player to get their feet the same colour as their legs? Ten weeks? Two years? Five? We all know how hard it is to get rid of strap marks. Or to get the rest of the grass to tone in with a bit of replacement turf. Well, imagine those palid, enormous feet on the ends of those long brown legs. Not very sexy, really. In fact, it's enough to put you right off.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 46

ALOCASIA
(a) A plant of a genus from tropical Asia cultivated for its foliage, closely allied to colocasia. Said to be an alteration of colocasia. "Apè, or Large-rooted Alocasia — *Alocasia macrorrhiza*."

GIOCOSO
(c) A musical direction indicating that a composition is to be executed merrily. From the Italian for "merry". "The giocoso element [in *Don Giovanni*] was quite excessively overshadowed."

EJIDO
(a) In Mexico, land farmed communally: a co-operative farm. Land in which communal title is held. From the Mexican Spanish for "common land"; from the Latin *exīre* to go out. "Zapata stressed the return of the lost communal holdings to the rural Indian villages. Thus he proposed the ejido system in which title to lands was to be vested in the landholding village."

FASCHING
(c) The South German winter carnival, in Munich and elsewhere. "Fasching starts soon after New Year's Day and holds Munich in thrall until Ash Wednesday."

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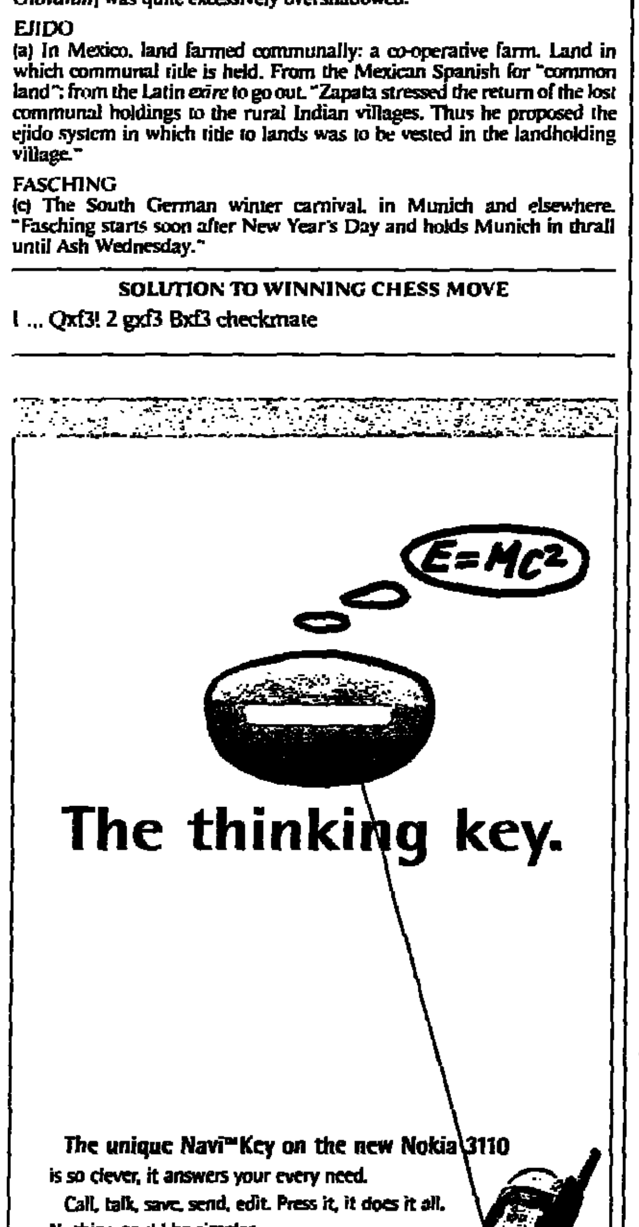

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Hy-Boulais finds fault in Grzybowska's game-plan

By Nick Szczepanik

WHEN Magdalena Grzybowska dropped her service to concede the first set of her third-round match against Patti Hy-Boulais, the Cambodian-born Canadian, everything seemed to be going according to plan.

After all, she had lost the first set 6-4 in each of her previous two games, against Venus Williams and Barbara Schett, and had come back to win. The service had sharpened up, the big two-handed backhand had come into its own, and runs of winning games had seen off her opponents.

Yesterday, however, the plan never came into effect. The double faults just kept on coming in the second set, and so did Hy-Boulais, returning strongly, and appearing at the net just when Grzybowska least expected it.

Grzybowska, from Poland, lost her service to love to go 5-1 down, ending with — what else — a double fault. Leaving the comeback a little late this time, one felt; but in fact there was to be no escape, Hy-Boulais finishing the game with the last of a number of drop shots and a delighted but discreet "Yesss!"

It had been a match of contrasts: Grzybowska, 18, the tall, hard-hitting baseliner, against the smaller, dark-haired Hy-Boulais, 13 years her senior, who made every ounce of her experience count.

"She was tall, but she wasn't serving great; my serve was effective," Hy-Boulais said. "My intention was to keep the points short. Against Venus Williams, the longer the rallies went on, the better for her: you hit hard, she hits harder. I come into the net once in a while as a surprise. She has a lot to learn and she has to get stronger, but she has the material. It's up to her."

"My serve didn't work at all today," Grzybowska admitted. "When she saw that, she felt better and took advantage. She's a good player on grass and didn't give me a chance. I have to be more aggressive, go to the net more and play my game, even if the other player doesn't let me."

The draw looks promising for Hy-Boulais, who eliminated Amanda Coetzer, the No 6 seed, in the second round and now plays Yayuk Basuki. "I played remarkably well against Coetzer; everything worked. It's even nicer to know I kept it going," Hy-Boulais said. "The next round is very tough. Her [Basuki's] game is very suitable for grass." And after that? "I don't want to be overconfident — I'll see who I play."

After her first-round win, premature predictions were made about Grzybowska's likely progress at Wimbledon; now she will return to Poland to play in exotic locations such as Sopot. "I hoped to go further, but getting to the third round was my biggest success so far," she said. "I will be back."

COVERAGE: Television: BBC1: Live 1.40-4.10pm. BBC2: Live noon-8.30pm, highlights 9.30-10.30pm. Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live: 1.30-8pm.

WEATHER: Cool and unsettled day, with a stiff wind blowing from the north or northwest, but gradually becoming drier during the afternoon and evening.

TELEVISION CHOICE

A couple for all seasons

Whately plays happy families (BBC1, 9.30pm)

United Kingdom! If One of Us Goes
BBC2, 9.00pm

Here is an affectionate but unsentimental portrait of two people in their 80s who have been married only six years and know that time is not in their favour. Charles Hammond and his wife Dorothy were both widowed after long first marriages. Neither have children, so they depend very largely on each other. He is 89 and has heart trouble. She walks with a frame. They are considering whether to leave their flat in Southend for sheltered housing. The film follows them through the seasons. Each summer they take a week's holiday, in a hotel only ten minutes from their home. Winter comes and they are both ill. He is a romantic by nature, indeed by reputation something of a womaniser. She, basically, wants company. Perceptively but unobtrusively the camera picks up the nuances of a relationship that is sometimes difficult but always strong.

Murder Squad
ITV, 9.00pm

A new series of real-life murder investigations begins with one from 1994 which outdoes any *Cracker* script in the gruesomeness of its material. An elderly Asian couple are found brutally stabbed to death in their flat in west London. Bizarrely, the same flat is also the scene of the rape of two teenage girls. As the murder squad tries to make sense of two apparently unconnected crimes, the media circus moves in and posts its lurid headlines. A suspect is soon found, at least for the assaults on the young women, but there seems to be nothing to link him with the murders. The cameras follow the detectives almost hour by hour as they wait for the breakthrough. Det Supt Roland Heming, who is leading the inquiry, says it never ceases to amaze him what one human being can do to another.

True Stories: The Grave
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Belinda Giles's documentary gives a measured but uncompromising account of an atrocity dreadful even by the standards of the war in the former Yugoslavia. In 1991 the town of Vukovar in Croatia was "liberated" by the Yugoslav army. The army commander took control of the hospital and ordered the evacuation of patients (many of them victims of the war) and staff. The men were separated from the women and children, taken off and never seen again. The scene switches to a United Nations team excavating a mass grave. Wives and mothers of the missing cling to the hope that their men may still be alive but as the forensic evidence accumulates they are forced to accept the worst. To her credit Giles never sensationalises, but in truth the material is so shocking that it needs no embellishment.

The Broker's Man
BBC1, 9.30pm

The new Kevin Whately series seems unsure whether to concentrate on the public or the private life of its insurance investigator hero and plays safe by offering plenty on both. In the professional sphere, no fewer than three cases are being spread over this latest two-parter, though one (concerning an old woman who had a fall in a shopping centre) is hardly the stuff of high drama, and another (about a contaminated water supply) is a shade too complicated for this time of night. This leaves the much more involving search for a motor cyclist responsible for a lethal hit and run. It also brings yet another attractive woman into our man's life. As he is already trying to accommodate an estranged wife and a former mistress this is a complication he could do without. But his embarrassment is our gain. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Pucker Up: The 60-Minute Kiss
Radio 2, 9.30pm

Apparently this is National Kissing Day, though who designated it as such is a mystery. But every daft idea has its redeeming feature and apart from the obvious, the redeeming feature of this programme is that it manages to be entertaining and informative, thus adding to our stock of useless but amusing information. Did you know, for example, that the longest recorded kiss lasted 17 days and 10½ hours? You will realise from that example that this is one of those programmes which is full of statistics that are beyond belief, such as the "fact" that kissing your spouse goodbye every morning will help you live longer (longer than if you kiss someone else's spouse every morning, I assume). Still, with a Budget looming, any relief will do.

You'll Want for Nowt in Pateley Bridge
Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

I give this programme a mention for a rather curious reason which readers familiar with Janet Street-Porter will understand. The former BBC "Head of Yoof" is a Londoner to her toenails and the programme is given added, shall we say, charm by listening to it while imagining her striding about a Yorkshire town giving vent to her enthusiasms using those fantastic vowels. Not that there is anything wrong with a Cockney media type falling in love with Pateley Bridge, indeed there are towns and villages up and down the land which count celebrities among their populations. And all credit to Street-Porter, who conveys enthusiasm better than most: she made me want to visit the place, wherever it is. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Digital Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Stuart Maconie **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Charles Nove **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Freeman **8.00** Nigel Ogden **9.00** Nanci Griffith presents Woody Guthrie **9.30** Pucker Up: The 60 Minute Kiss. See Choice **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday News **1.30** Wimbledon 97 **8.00** Any Sporting Questions? With Pat Murphy and guests Richard Dunwoody and Jonathan Davies in Cardiff **9.30** The 21st Century and How to Survive It with Dominik Diamond and Fi Glover **10.00** News Talk with Nigel Cassidy **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours with Vincent Hanna **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newshour **6.30** Europe **7.15** World Today **7.30** Stories for Life **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Pop Science **9.00** News in German **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Red Hills of Home **9.30** Everywoman **10.00** Business **10.15** World of Television **10.30** Literature File **10.45** Sport **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** Stories for Life **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Wimbledon Live **4.05** Sport **4.15** Red Hills of Home **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.30** Meridian Live **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto. Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto); Wolf-Ferrari (Cello Concerto in C major, Op 31 **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Janacek (Violin Sonata) **8.00** Concert. Glazunov (Summer from The Seasons); Poulenc (Concert Champêtre); Respighi (Suite: The Birds); Johann Strauss (Waltz, Tales from the Vienna Woods) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono: San Francisco **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nick Abbot **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Sviridov (Incidental music: Tsar Fedor Ioannovich); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Bach (Trio Sonata in E flat, BWV525); Verdi (Te Deum, Four Sacred Pieces); Johann and Josef Strauss (Pizzicato Polka); Nielsen (Symphony No 5)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Schubert (Rondo in A, D438); Vaughan Williams (Te Deum); Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Susan Sharpe. Includes Part (O Adonai, Magnificat Antiphons); Platti (Flute Sonata in G); Chabrier (Chanson de l'Alouette); Bernd Alois Zimmermann (Musique pour les Soupers du Roi Ubu); Offenbach (Couplets du Souper)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Schola Cantorum. Introduced by Roger Nichols. Includes d'Indy, Roussel, Satie and Guilmant
1.00pm News; City of London Sinfonia. Penny Gore introduces the fourth of six concerts featuring French music. Debussy (orch Ravel, Sarabande, pour le piano); Ravel (Pavane pour une Infante Defunte); Françaix (Pavane pour un Genie Vivant); Jolivet (La Fleche du Temps); Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin)
2.00 Voices. Felicity Lott, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, Stuart Kale, tenor, Neal Davies, bass, Steuart Bedford, piano. Lehmann (In a Persian Garden) (r)
2.45 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth. Britten (Sinfonia da Requiem); Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)
4.00 Spirit of the Age. George Pratt and his guests, Tess Knighton and Alvaro Torrente, rediscover Spanish Baroque. Includes music by Cristobal Galan and Literes (r)
5.00 Music Machine. The pianist Andrew Youdell explains how a musical accompaniment to a film was performed in the days of silent movies
5.15 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes Wassenaer (Concerto Armonico No 1 in G); Haydn (Piano Sonata in D); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela); Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale)
7.30 Pebble Mill. In the fifth of seven celebrity recitals live from Birmingham, the pianist Peter Donohoe performs Debussy (Estampes); Ravel (Miroirs) **8.20** Lancashire Sol-Fa. Philip Brady explores the world of collier-bassoonists and weaver-trombonists in 19th-century Lancashire (r) **8.40** Concert, part two. Schumann (Kreisleriana); Liszt (Venezia e Napoli, Annees de Pelerinage
9.40 Sounding the Century: The Illuminati. After fleeing Hitler's Germany in the 1930s, Marxist philosophers Theodore Adorno and Max Horkheimer seek refuge in Hollywood (2/5)
10.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins. Andrew Toovey (Red Icon)
10.45 Night Waves. The director and novelist Neil Bartlett talks to Richard Coles about his new one-man show, *The Seven Sacraments*, based on Nicolas Poussin's suite of religious paintings
11.30 Composers of the Week: Paris 1750 (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces more highlights form the 1997 Cheltenham International Jazz Festival
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Delmé Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 76 No 1); Wilfred Josephs (String Quartet No 4). Albemini Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3, Emperor) **3.00** Jon Vickers, tenor, Peter Schaff, piano. Schubert (Winterreise)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton. Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest of the day
10.00 News; You'll Want For Nowt in Pateley Bridge (FM). See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Quote... Unquote. Nigel Rees is in the chair and on the panel are Patrick Barlow, Barry Cryer, Ruth Dudley Edwards and George Melly **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Raising Patrick Doherty, by Jessica Townsend. An irreverent comedy about a London-Irish family who spend the run-up to their patriarch's funeral destroying his reputation, only to be faced with his resurrection
2.30 At The Foot of the Mountain. Robert Dawson Scott talks to Maria Friedman about the pressures of taking the stage alone with her one-woman West End show, *By Special Arrangement* (3/4)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan. Louise Rennison retraces the oldest pilgrimage in the world, from Puenta del Reina to Santiago de Copostela in Spain
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads the new Bernard MacLaverty novel, *Grace Notes*, and celebrates 100 years of the Tate Gallery
4.45 Short Story Chinese Season: Marvels of a Floating City. Written by Xi Xi, translated by Eva Hung and read by Su-Lin Looi
5.00 PM, with Kevin Bocquet **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 People Like Us. The hapless broadcaster Roy Mallard gets to grips with what it is really like to be an estate agent (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Reports on the important issues of the day with Mark Whitaker
8.00 Science Now. The weekly look at the latest scientific discoveries with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 Life of Crime. In the last of the series about crime writing, Kinky Friedman, the author of novels featuring a stetson-wearing, cigar-chomping detective, meets the creators of four other notorious private eyes: Sara Paretsky, Sue Grafton, James Crumley and Lawrence Block
9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Monkey King, by Timothy Mo. Read by David Yip (6/10)
11.00 Mediumwave. A review of the week's media events with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 A View from Abroad (FM). The American writer Rosaly Roffman casts a poet's eye on west Cornwall in the winter (5/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's news from Westminster
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The Giant's House, by Elizabeth Bradbury. Read by Lorelei King (2/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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A serial portrait painter, serially revisited

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

Just as there are never-knowingly-underquoted politicians, who can be relied on to comment on anything from the state of Anglo-Irish relations to the state of their underpants, it turns out that there are artists who are never-knowingly-underfilmed. What is so surprising is that the unflashy, home-loving, 57-year-old Royal Academician Anthony Green should be among them.

To his credit, it surprises Green as much as anyone that requests from documentary-makers drop through his letterbox as regularly as gas bills. He certainly can't be saying yes to them in search of fame and fortune, not after his 1987 *South Bank Show*: "When the programme went out," he recalls, blushing at his naivety, "I thought it would probably change my life radically. Nothing happened. The phone didn't ring. I didn't sell an extra drawing or watercolour." So much for the power of television, though, to be fair, this was long before Melvyn Bragg got his lustrous Elvis quiff.

All this explains why BBC1's **Omnibus** portrait of Green was entitled *Fifty-Seven Up*. The title had nothing to do with cricket scores, or some improbable feat being performed for the *Guinness Book Of Records*. It was a reference to those Granada documentaries which traced the lives of a group of children, beginning with *Seven Up*. You see, last night's *Omnibus* was the third Green film directed by Nigel Williams. His previous stabs were in 1979 and 1971 — when Green was still a young, bowler-hatted Slade graduate who looked like a rabbinical student on his way to a Toulouse-Lautrec lookalike competition.

But the entertaining conceit was that by filming Green again and again over the years, Williams is echoing what Green does in his art. Green doesn't go on safari in search of subject matter. He could put in a full day's work without ever changing out of his pyjamas. Green loves his wife, the artist Mary Cozens-Walker: "Without her I doubt whether I would ever paint another picture." He loves his family. He loves the texture and cadences of home life, and the childhood memories that have seeped like ink stains into the ornaments on his mantlepiece.

Green doesn't go out looking for hamburgers, because he can eat steak at home. He returns, in intimate detail, to similar themes again and again — "I try hard to hang my washing up in public" — but each time bringing something new to entice us with. His submission to the RA's Summer Exhibition this year is *Eden CB3 7HE*: the domestic postcode as nirvana. Green calls it: "A love story. It takes you through the Garden of Eden and, ultimately, the spectator joins the uniting couple in paradise."

Williams, by returning again and again with his camera crew, has achieved something similar: each time we are faced with a familiar subject — Anthony Green — but with a novel twist. Even more spookily, Williams's technique of punctuating this latest documentary with long clips of his previous 1979 *Arena* film (which, itself, included scenes of Green in a darkened room reviewing footage of Williams's original 1971 documentary) created an effect like looking down the wrong end of a telescope: this tale-within-a-tale is an Anthony Green trademark.

For example, leading us through one of his paintings in which an artist is painting a portrait of his wife, Green explains: "You get a picture within a picture. You see views through doors and the spectator is led *right* into the painting, so that you move *right* up close to the canvas surface." What you see there is that within Green's picture is the painting-in-progress of the model. She is wearing a locket. This contains another painting, namely "the artist's rendering of the *real* locket, which is over here. And it's meant to be a sexy picture, so at first appearance you think you're looking at a small tree in the spring, and on closer inspection you're delightfully surprised." Provided, that is, that a locket-sized close-up of a woman's crotch is the sort of thing that delights you.

Unlike Green, Channel 4's **Secret History** packs a rucksack and heads into the unknown to find its subjects, until the day arrives when it looks out of the window, feels thwarted by the rain, and decides just to stay home and expose the scandal of who invented doorchimes that play Cliff Richard's *Devil Woman*. *The Tragedy Of HMS Glorious* recounted how, in June 1940, the aircraft carrier *HMS Glorious* and her two escort destroyers were sunk by German battlecruisers off Norway. Some 900 had taken to the boats, but nobody came to their rescue. Only 41 survived. An embarrassed Navy still denies it, but *Secret History* insists that a last desperate message for help was picked up by a nearby British cruiser, *HMS Devonshire*, and apparently ignored. Trevor Jenkins, the *Devonshire*'s Chief Petty Officer, who took the message, says: "It's been on my conscience ever since."

Because of its timing, the phrase had a poignancy the film-makers could not have intended. Chris Patten, sailing home from Hong Kong, must be hoping he never has to utter the same words about the handover to China.

There was plenty of conscience-wrestling in **Brookside** (Channel 4), too. Mick and Elaine have been doing their best to ease the pain of Gladys's cancer, but it's clear that Gladys wants to end it all. Mick and Elaine get the hint and realise that over the next few days they must carry the enormous burden of helping Gladys to end her life in a manner so controversial that it will ensure *Brookside*'s reputation as the soap opera that is never knowingly underhyped.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (47130)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (12307)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3859178)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1273284)
9.50 Kilroy (T) (5945352)
10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (31438)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7436130)
11.05 Due South (r) (5965371)
11.30 Good Neighbours Fans of the soap reminisce about their favourite characters (T) (2555)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8914623)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (6691371)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (8349130)
1.00 News (T) and weather (62884)
1.30 Regional News (T) (42924401)
1.40 Wimbledon 97 Desmond Lynam introduces further coverage (38385975)
4.10 Rugrats (r) (T) (4701081) **4.35** Round the Twist (r) (T) (8496420) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1549888) **5.10** Activ-8 (T) (4120401)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (874642)
6.00 News (T) and weather (23)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (75)
7.00 Summer Holiday Martin Bell, MP returns to Croatia to report on the country's new battle to encourage tourists; Jayne Evans takes a summer break on the Great Barrier Reef; Lata Sharma has a great time on Gran Canaria (T) (7265)
7.30 EastEnders Ted anxiously awaits the verdict of his court case; Huw and Lenny investigate their tenancy rights (T) (59)
8.00 The Driving School A woman has a company car but cannot drive it, a man is nervous about learning to drive at 52, and three trainees start on the Thames Valley Police advanced driving course which trains them to drive at speeds of up to 140mph (T) (6913)
8.30 Only Fools and Horses Del and Rodney's soft hearts persuade them to take Grandad along on their holiday trip abroad (r) (T) (5420)
9.00 News (T); Regional News and weather (1062)
9.30 The Broker's Man Drama series about the work of insurance investigator Jimmy Griffin (Kevin Whately). A fatal motorcycle crash leads Griffin into the world of illegal motorbike racing, while a computer error has led to a town's water supply becoming contaminated (T) (723604)
10.20 The X Files: Red Museum Mulder and Scully travel to Wisconsin to investigate a religious cult (r) (T) (139772)
11.05 Deep Red (1994) with Michael Biehn, Joanna Pacula and Lisa Collins. FILM A private detective is hired to find a missing scientist working on the secret of immortality, but he is soon out of his depth as the true nature of the investigation comes to light. Directed by Craig R. Baxley (T) (418325)
12.25am Another Woman (1988) Woody Allen FILM comedy about a middle-aged woman who is prompted to reassess her life when she overhears conversations between a psychiatrist and his patient. With Gena Rowlands and Mia Farrow (T) (7404173)
1.45am-1.50 Weather (2853956)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Ottoman Supremacy. The building of the Suleimaniye Istanbul (7426352) **6.25** Modern Art: Film Montag. Film-makers Eisenstein and Vertov's political ideology (9427739)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T) (6398468)
7.30 Moomin (r) (7417826) **7.55** Get Your Own Back (T) (6358178) **8.20** The Brollys (r) (6036159) **8.35** The Record (2958888)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon Sue Barker introduces highlights of yesterday's play (84159)
10.00 Teletubbies (98555) **10.30** Wisley Through the Seasons. A stroll through Wisley's famous garden during the summer months (8004371) **11.20** See Hear! Magazine series for the hard of hearing (r) (T) (5935130) **11.50** Johnson and Friends (2451555)
12.00 Wimbledon 97 Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker present action from the ninth day in SW19. Including News and weather at **3.00pm** and **3.55** (5858159)
8.30 The Hong Kong Handover: China Celebrates John Tusa presents highlights of the former British Colony's first day under Chinese sovereignty (3062)

Dorothy and Charles (9.00pm)

9.00 United Kingdom: If One of Us Goes Insight into an eventful year in the lives of Southend octogenarians Charles and Dorothy, as they make plans for their future together (T) (9604)
9.30 Today at Wimbledon Sue Barker and Pam Shriver review the key moments from this afternoon's matches (46807) Followed by UK Image (999772)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (112994)
11.15 500 Bus Stops The stresses of touring begin to take their toll on John Shuttleworth and his entourage as a typical rock 'n' roll tantrum disrupts proceedings on day two of the national tour in Manchester, and the open-air concert that agent Ken Worthington promised fails to materialise (510401)
11.45 United Kingdom: Under Curfew A woman attempts to keep residents calm in her Catholic community in Lower Ormeau, Northern Ireland, as the Orange Order brings chaos to the area (244555)
11.55 Weather (856449)
12.00 The Midnight Hour Discussion show dealing with the latest developments in Parliament (96260)
12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Going Through a Phase (73821) **1.00** Docklands Light Railway (76111) **1.30** New Hips for Old (80802) **2.00** Summer Nights: Discovering Art Collections (56463) **4.00** BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT (22821) **4.30** Film Education (64376) **5.00** Inside Europe (42666) **5.30** Film Education (63519)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (3979064)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1267623)
9.55 Regional News (1762820)
10.00 The Time, the Place (85081)
10.30 This Morning (94457772)
12.20pm Regional News (9910807)
12.30 News (T) and weather (8375555)
12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (33760438) **12.55** Shortland Street (8350246) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (37055791) **1.50** Liz Earle's Lifestyle (59947994) (T) **2.20** Winnetka Road (T) (5240062)
3.20 News (T) (1483352)
3.25 Regional News (1482623)
3.30 Potamus Park (4799197) **3.40** Wizadora (1073420) **3.50** Zot the Dog (1079604) **4.00** Scooby Doo (7387062) **4.10** The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (7383246) **4.20** Wayneheaad (T) (4792333) **4.45** Totally California (T) (8487772)
5.10 Highway to Heaven (2/2) (1193555)
5.40 News (T) and weather (401820)
5.57 Pollen Count (515913)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (868517)
6.25 HTV Weather (777826)
6.30 The West Tonight (1)
7.00 Emmerdale (T) (2333)
7.30 Take 3 Reports on issues affecting the region (5)
8.00 The Bill A disgruntled convict makes complaints that jeopardise his chances of being released (T) (1081)
8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna Psychic George Anderson claims to help a recently bereaved mother put questions to the spirit of her deceased son (T) (7888)

Miller, Cook and Sankrecha (9.00pm)

9.00 Murder Squad First in a new series of fly-on-the-wall documentaries tracing police investigations into horrific crimes. The first case covered is that of an Asian couple murdered on the same night two girls were subjected to a nightmarish sexual ordeal. Detectives Sam Miller and Dave Cook try to establish a possible link between the crimes and build up a picture of the offender (T) (3772)
10.00 News (T) and weather (11555)
10.30 Regional News (822062)
10.40 Farewell to Hong Kong Trevor McDonald presents a history of the former colony (T) (687623)
11.40 New York News (520159)
12.40am Dating the Enemy (5556173)
1.40 Late and Loud (9883173)
2.40 The Chart Show (r) (3423901)
3.20 Sound Bites (73359598)
3.40 F1: French Grand Prix (r) (8609685)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (2231463)
5.00 Heirloom (r) (39192)
5.30 News (24043)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8350246)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1193555)
6.25-7.00 Central News (159642)
7.30-8.00 Blenheim Palace (5)
11.40 Highlander (520159)
12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (8428024)
1.10 Film: Dead Cert (922314)
2.55 In Focus (6673622)
3.35 The Big Match Replayed (9723173)
4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (6413550)
5.20 Asian Eye (9815376)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (6864082)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (66054438)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1193555)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (22159)
7.30-8.00 Waterlines (5)
11.40 Highlander (520159)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1193555)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (91)
6.30-7.00 The Antiques Trail (1)
7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (5)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (520159)
5.00am Freescreen (39192)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8350246)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1193555)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (159642)
7.30-8.00 Heirloom (5)
11.40 Charlie Grace (520159)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (70468)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (27555)
9.00 Bewitched (98604)
9.30 Film: Elephant Boy (14623)
11.00 Animal Passions (4536)
11.30 Springhill (5265)
12.00 House to House (18468)
12.30pm Ricki Lake (38710)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (25539791)
1.15 Pingu (25534246)
1.30 Cornwall (79880642)
1.50 Film: The Desert Fox (49064178)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (49)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (4)
4.30 Fishers of Galilee (6)
5.00 5 Pump (5801307)
5.15 Pwt a Parddu (1544333)
5.30 Countdown (20)
6.00 Newyddion (482246)
6.05 Heno (879623)
6.35 Jac yn y Bocs (751888)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (989994)
7.25 Tu Hwnt i'r Deall (247791)
8.00 Llewod 97 (9623)
8.30 Newyddion (8130)
9.00 Rasus (4642)
10.00 Brookside (435197)
10.35 NYPD Blue (665401)
11.30 Northern Exposure (806081)
12.25am My Brother (3233005)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (70468) **7.00** Big Breakfast (27555) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (98604) **9.30** Vets in the Wild (r) (57062)
10.30 Charley's Aunt (1941, b/w) with Jack FILM Benny. Comedy about an Oxford undergraduate who is persuaded to impersonate a fellow student's wealthy aunt. Directed by Archie Mayo (78994)
12.00 House to House (18468) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City (r) (T) (38710) **1.00** Springhill (T) (20642) **1.30** Pete Smith Specialties (42931791)
1.45 Springfield Rifle (1952) with Gary FILM Cooper. Western drama about a Union officer who goes undercover to break up a gang of Confederate rustlers. Directed by Andre de Toth (93746178)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Recipe series (T) (49) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (4) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8497159) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (2340642) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (20)
6.00 Friends: The One with the Birth When Carol goes into labour, Ross and Susan rush to be by her side. Joey befriends an unmarried and heavily pregnant woman (r) (T) (866159)
6.25 Fluke Comedy game show (874178)
6.55 Fresh Pop (720178)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (646913)
7.50 Singles (671623)
8.00 Moving People The start of a repeat of the first series about people moving house (T) (9623)
8.30 Brookside Mick and Elaine have a desperate choice to make. Jimmy's continual fussing gets Jackie down. There's a shock in store for Ollie (T) (8130)

Croatian scene of horror (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **True Stories: The Grave** The work of forensic archaeologists in Vukovar, Croatia as they excavate a mass grave. Channel 4's entry to the Prix Italia (T) (27783331)
10.25 Trauma Real-life drama from New York's Bellevue Hospital (957536)
10.55 Gas A showcase for the comedy stars of tomorrow (1/8) (T) (641081)
11.30 Paul Weller: Heavy Soul A concert from London (89807)
12.00 Film Night Special Looks at the Hong Kong film industry (9013734)
12.40am Look Back in Anger (1959, b/w) FILM John Osborne's classic drama with Richard Burton, Mary Ure and Claire Bloom. Directed by Tony Richardson (T) (136799)
2.30 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (7128519)
3.10 Slave Ship (1937, b/w) with Warner FILM Baxter as a slave ship captain whose crew start a mutiny. Directed by Tay Garnett (508753)
4.55 The Talking Show (r) (T) (22311821)
5.25 Backdate (r) (T) (4926260)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am News Early (9821604)
7.30 Havakazoo (7657791) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7554888)
8.30 WideWorld: The Living Earth Maggie Philbin presents the first in a ten-part study of the history and development of the Earth (7553159)
9.00 Espresso (3254449) **10.00** Hospital Live (r) (5233159) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (7566623)
11.00 Leeza (6115739) **11.50** Double Espresso (19966197) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7557975) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4121333)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (70718389) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8164420) **2.00** 5's Company (6144975)

De Marney and Gray (3.30pm)

3.30 Dangerous Moonlight (1942) with FILM Anton Walbrook, Derrick De Marney an Sally Gray. War drama about a man's struggle to rebuild his life after he is injured while on military service. Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst (1663420)
5.20 Hospital Live An update from Guy's Hospital, London (68287333)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7994913)
6.00 Move on Up (T) (7991826)
6.30 Family Affairs Holly, Duncan and Melanie have a night on the town (T) (7982178)
7.00 Hospital Live Kirsty Young meets patients on the children's ward at Guy's, including 12-year-old Shelly Newman who was recently diagnosed with kidney failure (6241517)
7.30 Natural Natives: Small is Beautiful Documentary about the harvest mouse (T) (7971062)
8.00 Fame and Fortune A look into the life of Michael and Shakira Caine (r) (6250265)
8.30 5 News (T) (6239772)
9.00 Poltergeist: The Legacy Derek is tormented by terrifying nightmares (T) (6792081)
9.50 Poltergeist: The Legacy High-camp horror. Nick and Philip investigate when an evil spirit infests a high school after an occult experiment (T) (3890710)
10.45 The Jack Docherty Show (1796555)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6148791)
12.30am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine hosted by Jeremy Nicholas and Helen Chamberlain. Includes at **2.00am** motor sport action (6701579)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3235314)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (833536) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (17401) **10.00** Another World (62842) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (59178) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (79081) **1.00pm** Geraldo (55401) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (17604) **3.00** Jenny Jones (88265) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (67772) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7420) **6.00** Real TV (8975) **6.30** Married — with Children (3555) **7.00** The Simpsons (5449) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9739) **8.00** Speed! (4197) **8.30** Real TV UK (3604) **9.00** Close Call: Cheating Death I (14178) **10.00** The Practice (17265) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (63371) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (84668) **1.00am** Hit Mix (8395314)

SKY 2

7.00am Superboy (6555361) **7.30** Superboy (5980888) **8.00** Renegade (2547807) **9.00** Police Rescue (2550371) **10.00** New Untouchables (2520130) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (6472807) **12.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am All Hands on Deck (1961) (48517) **8.00 Things Change** (1988) (31284) **10.00 Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall** (1972) (61062) **12.00 Abandoned and Deceived** (1995) (65932) **1.30pm Strangers: The Story of a Mother and Daughter** (1979) (77555) **3.30 Grizzly Mountain** (1993) (36623) **5.00 Things Change** (1988) (46265) **7.00 Abandoned and Deceived** (1995) (69555) **9.00 Letter to My Killer** (1995) (28207888) **10.45 Pret-a-Porter** (1994) (46716352) **1.00am Six Days, Six Nights** (1994) (174840) **2.35 Heat** (1987) (602217) **4.20 Strangers: The Story of a Mother and Daughter** (1979) (313208)

HE MOVIE CHANNEL

am **The Big Broadcast of 1936** (46159) **8.00 The Christmas Coal Miracle** (1977) (39926) **10.00** ey and Lacey: The View Through the Glass Ceiling (1995) (69604) **12.00 A Brother's Promise: The Dan Jansen Story** (1996) (538842) **1.45pm Ted** (1995) (59504178) **3.30 Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown** (1977) (9660325) **4.45 The Scarlet Flower** (1991) (2310994) **6.00 Brothers of the Frontier** (1995) (25420) **7.30 Special Feature: Murder at 1600** (2449) **8.00 The Shadow** (1994) (21468) **10.00 Under Siege 2: Dark Territory** (1995) (343468) **11.40 Silent Fall** (1995) (268130) **1.25am Last Gasp** (1994) (427444) **3.00 Wishmen** (1995) (10280) **4.30 Little Orbit the Astrodog** (45531)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Double Indemnity (1944) (2973888) **8.00 Uncle Buck** (1989) (2978393) **10.00 Conan the Barbarian** (1982) (79883449) **12.20am Bachelor Party** (1984) (1319550) **2.05 No Sex Please, We're British!** (1973) (2866598) **3.40-5.30 The Assassination Bureau** (1968) (6848795)

TNT

9.00pm Butterfield Eight (1960) (87398178) **11.00 Passage to Marseille** (1944) (84719689) **12.50am Dream Lover** (1986) (82771482) **2.45-5.00 Butterfield Eight** (1960) (97589647)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (76523) **7.30** Watersports World (98371) **8.30** Racing News (94978) **9.00** Sports Centre (87401) **9.30** Aerobics (21333) **10.00** Ringside Boxing (41197) **12.00** Aerobics (94915) **12.30pm** Big Shots (90826) **1.30** Futbol Mundial (24420) **2.00** Live Rugby Union (625710) **4.30** Wild Sports (7791) **5.00** Wrestling (2994) **6.00** Sports Centre (8284) **6.30** Rugby Union (31517) **8.00** Ringside Boxing (52352) **10.00** Sports Centre (44474) **10.30** Big Shots (34449) **11.30** World Masters Pool (35710) **12.30am** Sports Centre (69937) **1.00** Big Shots (58995) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (85937)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (10854772) **1.00pm** Squash (10683420) **2.00** Motor Sport (48098555) **5.00** Mountain Bike (52363284) **6.00** Pool (10683284) **7.00** Pavilion End (87372401) **8.00** Equestrianism (87392265) **10.00-11.30** Rugby Union (19493284)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (80739) **8.30** Triathlon (31352) **9.30** Speedworld (18569) **11.00** Basketball (63791) **1.00pm** Touring Car (15772) **2.00** Cycling (4975) **2.30** Cycling (2623) **3.00** All Sports (47826) **5.00** Live Basketball (99604) **6.30** Tractor Pulling (97994) **7.30** Live Basketball (36371) **9.00** Football: World Youth Championship (63468) **10.00** Live Basketball (66555) **11.00** Equestrianism (74401) **12.00-12.30am** Cycling (92482)

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (6989081) **7.35** Neighbours (5499159) **8.00** Crossroads (1427389) **8.25** EastEnders (7916791) **9.00** The Bill (4771888) **9.30** Spring and Autumn (8209401) **10.00** Tellystack (1437807) **10.30** The Sullivans (4760772) **11.00** Casualty (49509468) **12.05pm** Crossroads (61019623) **12.30** Neighbours (8219517) **1.00** EastEnders (5950352) **1.35** Russ Abbot (32719028) **2.05** A Little Bit of Dawson (98699826) **2.20** Nineteenth Hole (64723888) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (3213505) **3.30** The Bill (9349888) **4.00** Boon (1176975) **5.00** Generation Game (66222623) **6.05** EastEnders (8527420) **6.40** Sykes (7405710) **7.20** Dr Who (5545999) **7.50** Only When I Laugh (3996915) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (8392623) **9.00** The Bill (1172159) **9.30** Casualty (17254230) **10.35 FILM: Carry on Follow That Camel** (31400802) **12.20am FILM: Rockets Galore** (27877579) **1.50** Ken Dodd's World of Laughter (3661444) **2.40** Shopping (25218537)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1610975) **7.00** Coronation St (5433389) **7.30** Families (6989474) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (4327333) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5164913) **10.00** Gentle Touch (1137998) **11.00** London's Burning (3115222) **12.00** Coronation St (4474994) **12.30pm** Families (7717915) **1.00** Two's Company (7171330) **1.30** Good Life Guide (8167456) **2.00** Surprise, Surprise (9356842) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5184994) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5163401) **5.00** London's Burning (1069623) **6.00** Families (6958739) **6.30** Coronation St (6930791) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1824246) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1833994) **9.00** Coronation St (5192913) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (1117771) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (1823517)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6203517) **6.25** Quack Attack (6215352) **6.50** Bonkers (9850343) **7.15** Little Mermaid (4566352) **7.40** Aladdin (7605468) **8.05** Quack Pack (7668739) **8.30** Goof Troop (32975) **9.00** Care Bears (6220401) **9.25** Umbrella Tree (6249535) **9.50** Muppet Babies (7688420) **10.15** Groundling Marsh (9728975) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (3687569) **11.05** Mouse and Mole (3417081) **11.10** Big Garage (4695997) **11.25** Pooh Corner (5616807) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (6275642) **12.20pm** Mouse Tracks (1434352) **12.45** Timon and Pumbaa (35353333) **1.00** Boy Meets World (53887130) **1.25** Bonkers (77488517) **1.50** Quack Pack (39821607) **2.15** Aladdin (68420813) **2.40** Care Bears (7497178) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4351449) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6743062) **3.40** Goof Troop (6845555) **4.30** Chooseday (7333) **5.00** Aladdin (4074791) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5366975) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (742604) **6.00** New Doug (6626) **6.30** Boy Meets World (9176) **7.00** Brotherly Love (3265) **7.30 FILM: Call of the Wild** (40197) **9.00** Dave's World (41772) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (65791)

Fred MacMurray and Edward G. Robinson (Sky Movies Gold, 6pm)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5334449) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (6572468) **7.00** Pizza Cats (6463159) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (8475894) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8268333) **8.30** Crocadoo (8268604) **9.00** Rimba's Island (6010739) **9.20** The Magic Box (9361642) **9.45** Dudley (2897888) **10.05** Rimba's Island (7006975) **10.25** The Magic Box (6966804) **11.00** Jin Jin (6387062) **11.30** Pinocchio (6388791) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8262420) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (91526492) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (74391008) **1.10** Beetleborgs (12728062) **1.30** Eek! (9218449) **2.00** Life with Louie (7877275) **2.30** Crocadoo (5992623) **3.00** Gadget Boy (1600410) **3.30** Eek! (5904468) **4.00** Life with Louie (5983975) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5989159) **5.00** Beetleborgs (2155505) **5.30** Spiderman (5903739) **6.00** X Men (5983352) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (5984804)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (15081) **6.30** Danger Mouse (51212) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (34130) **7.30** Where's Wally (53265) **8.00** Batman (46178) **8.30** Art Attack (59772) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (87913) **10.00** Gravedale High (27352) **10.30** Flash Gordon (58813) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (67710) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (75739) **12.00** Gravedale High (49265) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (58401) **1.00** Batman (33401) **1.30** Dangermouse (57772) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (5623) **2.30** Flash Gordon (3371) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (4130) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (3888) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (4623) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (9997)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones.

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (77807) **6.30** Rocko (72555) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (76505) **7.30** Rugrats (90062) **8.00** Doug (95420) **8.30** Arthur (94791) **9.00** CBBC (18371) **9.30** CBBC (29975) **10.00** Winnie's House (63807) **10.30** Babar (14555) **11.00** Magic School Bus (29536) **11.30** Victor and Maria/Victor and Maria/Barney/Lizzie's Library/Bod/Jimbo and Th (20265) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (94997) **12.30pm** Richard Scarry (23791) **1.00** CBBC (26046) **1.30** CBBC (22062) **2.00** Dr Seuss (7449) **2.30** Arthur (5197) **3.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (9284) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (2082) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (6449) **4.30** Rugrats (5333) **5.00** Sister Sister (1401) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (9913) **6.00** Alex Mack (6826) **6.30-7.00** Doug (7178)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4779420) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8237913) **1.00** Madison (9934371) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8236284) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (2237875) **2.30** Blast (9362739) **3.00** Byker Grove (2249710) **3.30** Hangtime (9367284) **4.00** California Dreams (9346791) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9342975) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2251555) **5.30** Ready or Not (9366555) **6.00** Hangtime (9363468) **6.30** Madison (9347420) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2231791) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (9343604)

BRAVO

8.00pm New Twilight Zone (2257739) **8.30** Monsters (2236246) **9.00** The Burning Zone (6874081) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6884468) **11.00 FILM: The Fear** (7296265) **1.00am** The Burning Zone (4770376) **2.00** Tour of Duty (5127753) **3.00 FILM: La Balance** (8322173) **5.00** New Twilight Zone (6396024) **5.30** Monsters (1441260)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (1265) **7.30** Roseanne (6062) **8.00** E UK (3523) **8.30** Almost Perfect (9420) **9.00** Cheers (77212) **9.30** Cybill (43555) **10.00** Frasier (44456) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (15284) **11.00** Club Class (904265) **11.25** Robin (243791) **11.30** Nightstand (34352) **12.30am** Sledgehammer (66579) **1.00** Cheers (15005) **1.30** Cybill (54482) **2.00** E UK (83579) **2.30** Club Class (95314) **3.00** Frasier (35869) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (86666)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Bloomberg Updates (5497468) **8.03** Sightings (8662807) **9.00 FILM: Invaders from Mars** (8665894) **11.00** Space Age (7468536) **11.19** SF Scene Update (7893081) **12.00 FILM: X the Unknown** (8732127) **1.30am** One Step Beyond (1022096) **2.00** Friday the 13th (9902173) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (8904598)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4762130) **9.30** Garden Calendar (8239371) **10.00** Go Fishing (1435449) **10.30** Room Service (4791642) **11.00** Painted House (1183265) **11.30** This Old House (1184994) **12.00** Just for Starters (4782994) **12.30pm** Julia Child (8217159) **1.00** Graham Kerr (8914517) **1.30** Home Again (8209130) **2.00** Tool Box (2240449) **2.30** Furniture on the Mend (9368913) **3.00** Our House (2252284) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (9330130)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Extremists (9356265) **4.30** Driving Passions (9355449) **5.00** Time Travellers (2224401) **5.30** Justice Files (9339401) **6.00** Wild Things (8225178) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (2244265) **7.30** Disaster (9356178) **8.00** Discover (6867791) **9.00** Solar Empire (6887555) **10.00** Building for Earthquakes (6880642) **11.00** Porsche: Racing Legend (8924994) **12.00** First Flights (1453005) **12.30am** Fields of Armour (8630753) **1.00** Disaster (4729024) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (7256647)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm China Rising (9724913) **5.00** American Revolution (6207062) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (9209807) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Yasser Arafat (8653159)

CHALLENGE TV

Win with **Prize Time** twice an hour.
5.05pm Cross Wits (7134352) **5.50** Family Fortunes (750623) **6.30** Catchphrase (640333) **7.05** Winner Takes All (784401) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (511642) **8.20** All Clued Up (653352) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (901197) **9.35** Solo of the Century (896826) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (3593449) **11.20** Studs (557371) **12.00** Winner Takes All (10802) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (98717) **1.30** Moonlighting (97444) **2.30** African Skies (88860) **3.00** My Two Dads (65753) **3.30** Big Brother Jake (24840) **4.00** The Fall Guy (47937) **5.00** Shopping (40463)

UK LIVING

7.00am Tiny Living (36730791) **9.05** A Woman Called Smith (4885352) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (3105517) **10.05** Jerry Springer (9412333) **10.55** Shopping Emporium (49808604) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3340536) **11.50** Brookside (9006842) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (70644352) **12.55** Tempest (4104284) **1.40** Rolonda (2617401) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5172623) **3.00** Live at Three (90666604) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6949791) **5.05** Lingo (57828710) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5183739) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7814888) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2913197) **7.05** Hearts Afire (7167536) **7.35** Brookside (1734062) **8.05** Rolonda (9092159) **9.00 FILM: Martha, Ruth and Edie** (19018284) **10.50** Shopping Emporium (9554604) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (8793130)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** ZEE Presents **8.00** Raahat **8.25** Ek Nazar **8.30** India Business Report **9.00** Tamil Programme **9.30** Rail Snegham **10.00** Fal a Fat **10.30** Awaaz Naye Andaz Wohi **11.00** Khoobsurat **11.30** Naaye Taraane **12.00** Saileab **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00 FILM: Adhikar 4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Mr Mintoo **4.35** Mast Mast Hai Zindagi **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Zimbo **6.00** Bhangra Bonanza **6.25** Ek Nazar **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Aap Ki Farmaish **7.30** Chalo Cinema **8.00** News and Euronews **8.35** Daraar **9.05** Jaal **9.30** Ikke Pe Ikka **10.00** Tara **10.50** Sa Re Ga Ma **11.35-12.00** Hi Zindagi Bye Zindagi

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

VH-1

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

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Tottenham make bold bid to tempt Juninho

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Hampshire go down meekly to Australians

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Testud puts paid to grand designs as Krajicek prepares case for Wimbledon defence

Seles lets her ambitions go out to grass

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE fragile mind of Monica Seles could no longer sustain a Wimbledon challenge which faltered from the moment that she opened her campaign on a damp Tuesday evening last week. An emphatic victory on that occasion could not disguise her frail state, which collapsed yesterday when the No 2 seed lost a contest she once held with a vice-like grip.

How Sandrine Testud must have wished that she was back in Lyons, strolling the streets of that intimate French city. Seles opened the match with the relish of old, reducing Testud to the part of a helpless spectator. Perhaps that proved the undoing of Seles; she no longer craves the taste of a brutal victory.

Seles had induced a raised arm from her first-round opponent, who celebrated winning her first game in the second set. It happened again yesterday, Testud saluting the crowd after holding the opening game in set two. Her relief seemed justified as Seles, 23, bore down on her with all her renowned menace. Yet the match suddenly turned on its head, with Testud gaining in stature and Seles quickly reduced to a pale imitation. As Testud admitted after her 0-6, 6-4, 8-6 victory: "I was just happy to win my first game."

These, to be sure, are hard times for Seles. Her father, Karolj, is back in the United States nursing stomach cancer while she travels around Europe with Ester, her mother. Mention of this last week had all but reduced Seles to tears. Of course, her father's illness compounds Seles's own tribulations over the stabbing that she suffered from a deranged fan in Hamburg four years ago. Only the scars in her back have properly healed.

In truth, Seles makes a sad sight, both on and off the court. Overweight and troubled, her game has disintegrated so that lowly-ranked opponents are now pleased to see themselves drawn against her. She is an easy target. So difficult is the journey back that she may never again reach the summit.

Where her eyes once burnt with desire, they are dull with sorrow; where they radiated raw aggression on the court, there is now a flicker of fear. If she still looks hostile when addressing a backhand, there is no longer venom in the shot.

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Of equal concern to Seles is her perplexing habit of throwing away a winning position. In each of her last three defeats — against Hingis in Paris, Schultz-McCarthy at Eastbourne and now here — Seles held a 5-2 advantage before capsizing like a ruptured vessel. It is all so alien to the teenager who swept to the top within a steely ring of confidence.

Seles even held a match point at 6-5 in the final set. However, she had been holed below the waterline three games earlier when, at 5-3, she allowed an umpire's overrule to break her concentration. "It didn't come at a great time but I shouldn't have let it bother me that much," she said. Here was the ultimate denouement: a leading player unable to do what she knew, from experience, was for the best.

Perhaps Testud's own recent experience offers the antidote to some of Seles's ills. Testud, 25, is in love. She cited it as a factor in getting control of her weight, for her improved form and, doubtless, for her more positive state of mind. She had never progressed beyond the second round at Wimbledon; now she is world-ranked No 23 and faces her compatriot, Nathalie Tauziat, for a quarter-final place.

After the carnage of Sunday, when six women's seeds were defeated, Seles was the only such casualty. Jana Novotna, herself afflicted by a lack of belief, advanced purposefully to the fourth round with a comprehensive victory. Seles's absence from Novotna's section of the draw should give her heart, if not quite the conviction to redeem her defeat by Steffi Graf in the final four years ago.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, another fascile winner yesterday, effectively stands between Novotna and a projected match with Martina Hingis in the final on Saturday. This is beginning to look more and more like a dream run for Hingis, whose passage was greatly aided by the weekend defeats of Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and Lindsay Davenport.

Unlike Hingis, Pete Sampras will almost certainly have to beat fellow seeds in his next four matches if he is to add to the three titles that he already possesses. Indeed, among eight seeds in the top half of the draw, Andre Medvedev became only the second to perish when he was beaten by Nicholas Kiefer, of Germany, in four sets. Kiefer simply wanted it more than Medvedev, whose demeanour rarely reflected his fortunes throughout the match. Britain's Davis Cup team would love to find Medvedev, of Ukraine, in similar mood in Kiev next week.

Yevgeni Kafelnikov and Patrick Rafter, seeded No 3 and No 12 respectively, have made stealthy progress throughout the championships and both advanced to the last 16 yesterday with something to spare. Perhaps Rafter, who has yet to sample the Centre Court, is quietly pleased: the famed surface has cut up badly since Saturday. The court's condition, however, is giving no cause for concern, officials insisting that a favourable breeze will quickly transform the arena. It would also do wonders for the fortunes of Monica Seles.

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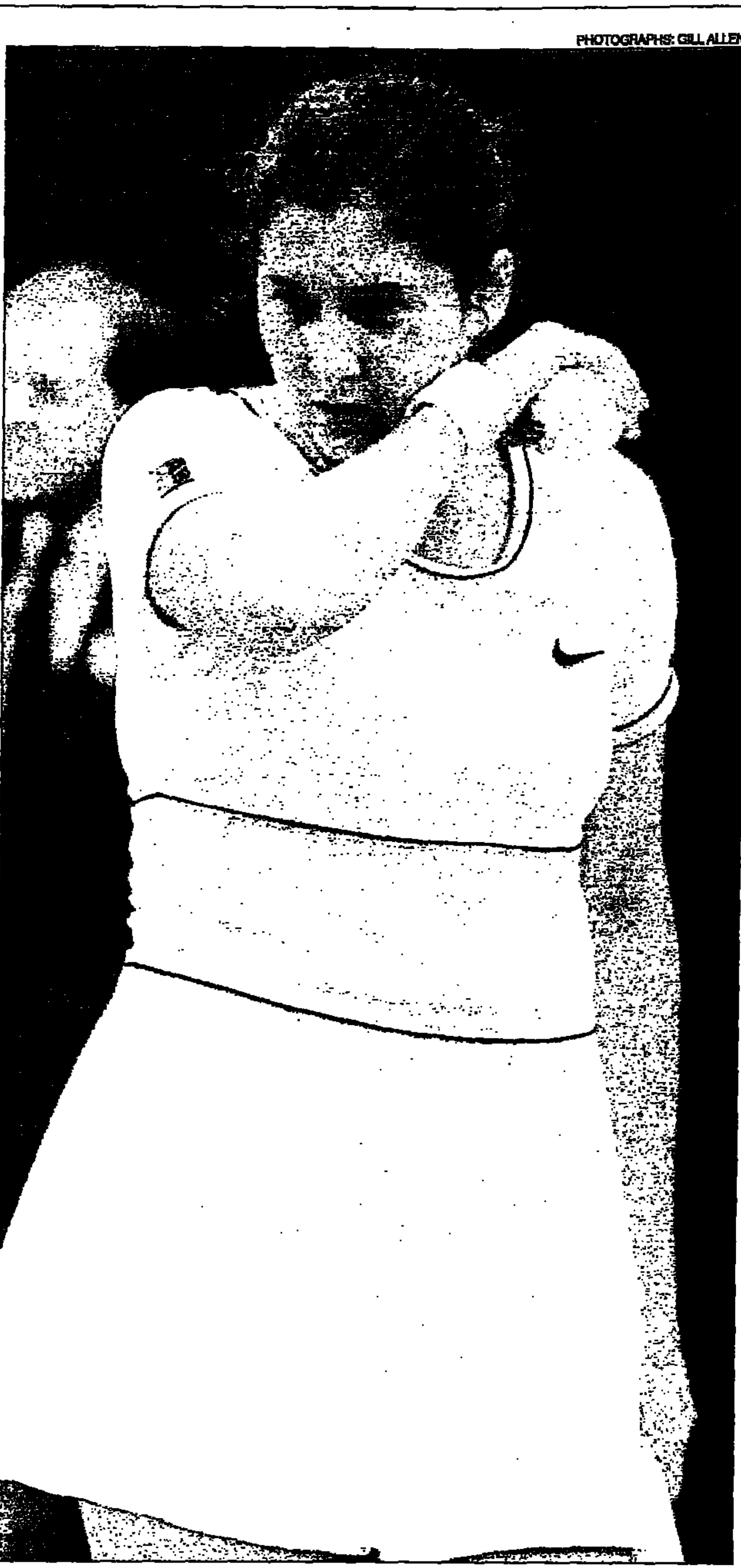

The strain of impending defeat shows on the face of Seles, but it is all smiles for Testud as she acclaims her victory over the No 2 seed yesterday

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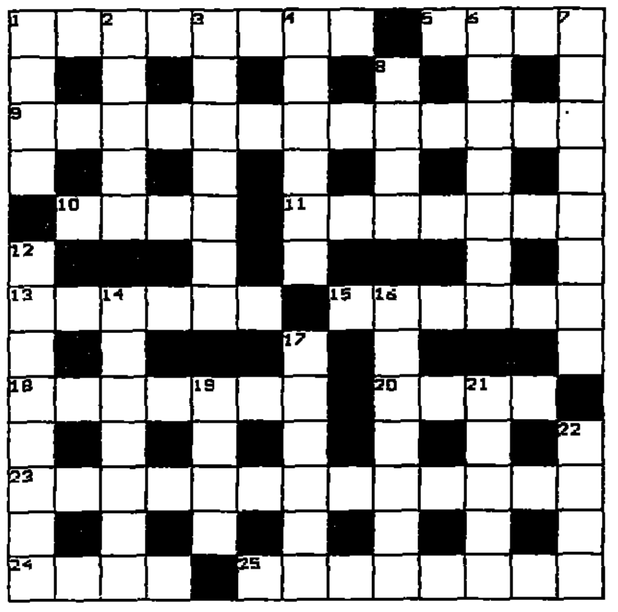

No 1134

ACROSS

1 Dejected (8)
5 Go first: a metal (4)
9 Very apprehensive (2,11)
10 Item in wardrobe; sounds like *go away* (4)
11 Turn turtle (7)
13 A rise (6)
15 Solidify: feel cold (6)
18 Part of book: cathedral body (7)
20 Enormous (4)
23 (Repeat) without understanding (6,7)
24 No of *ladies dancing* sent by true love (4)
25 Measure of slope (8)

DOWN

1 Sink: tiny amount of liquid (4)
2 Wise woman once (5)
3 Doom (7)
4 Oration (6)
6 Arousing feelings (7)
7 Make untidy (8)
8 Convey: a craft (4)
12 Cooking vessel (8)
14 Mortification (7)
16 Edited (7)
17 Find more appealing (6)
19 Helped oneself to (4)
21 Deliver blow to (*arch.*) (5)
22 Single entity (4)

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Henman looks for repeat performance

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

TWELVE months ago, Richard Krajicek rode the magic carpet from relative anonymity to Wimbledon champion. Now, he threatens to obstruct British progress in a week of mounting excitement. Victory over Tim Henman today would project the Dutchman towards a potential semi-final with Greg Rusedski.

Yet Henman, his confidence now rising like a rich sap, would not hear of defeat on departing the practice grounds yesterday. Having downed Krajicek's compatriot, Paul Haarhuis, in the match of the tournament on Sunday, he is thirsty for another measure of Dutch courage.

It is probably to Henman's advantage that he has never previously jousted with Krajicek. Although neither's game will surprise the other when they step on to Centre Court, Henman may have identified a chink in the champion's armour. "If things are not going well, he can get a little bit down on himself," the British No 1 said. "It would be a good thing to give him something to get down about."

It would be good, too, for Henman's swelling army of sitting-room supporters. An estimated 12.7 million viewers watched the conclusion to his match with Haarhuis on BBC2, the figure rising by one million every 15 minutes throughout the deciding set. It was the highest recorded Wimbledon audience since 13.6 million saw Andre Agassi outlast Goran Ivanisevic over five sets in the 1992 final. Should Henman make the final on Sunday, audience figures would surely threaten the 1980 Wimbledon record, when 17.3 million saw Bjorn Borg land his fifth consecutive title at the expense of John McEnroe.

That scenario remains a long way off. Not only can Krajicek summon a powerful service, he volleys with aplomb behind it. Henman recognises that opportunities to break will be few — hence the emphasis on service returns when he knocked up with Jeremy Bates, formerly the British No 1, yesterday.

Henman's exercise routine was prompted by the length of his struggle with Haarhuis. At two minutes short of four hours, it was, he said, probably the longest he has spent on court, certainly the longest concluding set he has played. "I was a little bit apprehensive about how I would feel after that match, but I am absolutely fine," he said. "Hopefully, I will get the crowd behind me again. I am very confident and looking forward to it."

The tenacity Henman displayed in beating Haarhuis bodes well. "I feel mentally tough enough, resilient enough, to keep winning," he said. "As the youngest of three brothers, I had to stand up for myself. I am a bit stubborn and I have always been very competitive." As much was clear in practice as he strained to retrieve a meaningless drop shot.

Henman: determined

Henman's progress has been foreshadowed by his status; he is seeded No 14. Rusedski, by contrast, has reached the last 16 the hard way, bettering Mark Philippoussis, with whom he shares the tournament's fastest serve — 138mph — Jonathan Stark, another powerful server, and Andrew Richardson.

Rusedski had stolen Henman's thunder prior to Henman's Sunday best. Today, on No 1 Court, Rusedski will be glad of second billing, for he starts favourite in his pairing with the unseeded American, Richey Reneberg. Whereas Henman must raise his game to beat Krajicek, a reproduction of Rusedski's existing repertoire should more than suffice.

Tyson enjoys unlikely support

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
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IN LAS VEGAS

WITH the Nevada State Athletic Commission preparing to sit down today to consider what action to take against Mike Tyson for his disgraceful behaviour in the ring here last Saturday, a call for leniency came from an unexpected quarter yesterday. While Evander Holyfield, who retained his World Boxing Association heavyweight championship when Tyson was disqualified from their bout here for biting, said that Tyson did not deserve to be given another chance, his trainer, Don Turner, announced that he believed that Tyson should be allowed to carry on boxing.

"They should allow Tyson to carry on boxing," Turner said. "They should fine him big, but without boxing I just don't know what would happen to him.

"The problem is that he has got too many hangers-on around him. These are the guys that ought to be banned, they are the ones who have made him what he is. They are supposed to help him, but all they've done is live off him."

Holyfield's attorney and adviser, Jim Thomas, who is considering suing Tyson, said that as far as Holyfield is concerned, he will have nothing to do with Tyson until he has apologised. "For a start, he's got to be totally honest, own up to everything, saying he was wrong," Thomas said. "He's got to admit there's a pattern of self-destruction in him. He's got to pledge to mend his ways."

The MGM Grand hotel and casino, which has a contract to put on one more Tyson fight, is holding its cards close to its chest, but its reluctance to say something seems to imply that it is considering its legal position regarding its deal with Don King, Tyson's promoter. The MGM president, Alex Yemenidjian, said two days ago that he wanted to meet King and Showtime, the cable television company, to extend the contract with Tyson, but yesterday he would not see the press and his director of public relations, Bill Doak, merely said: "No comment on the Tyson situation."

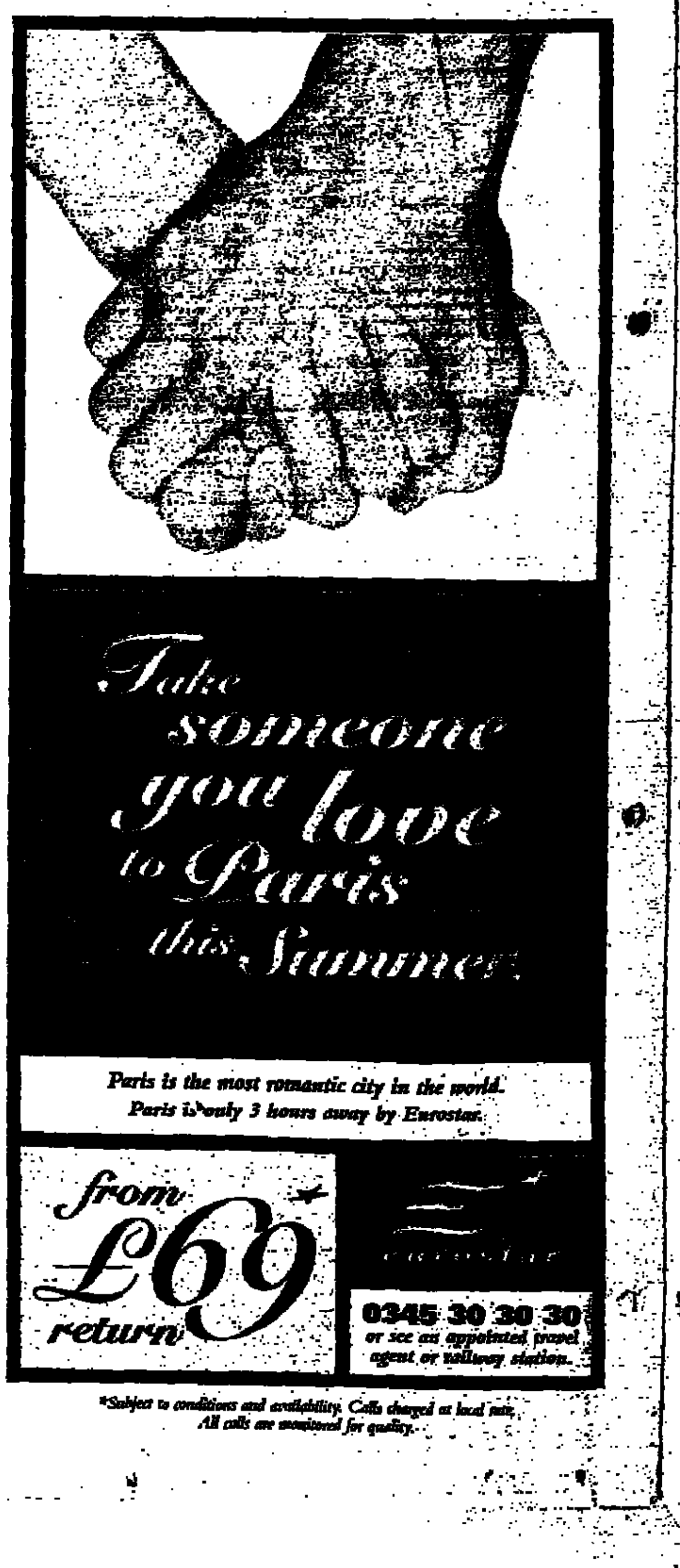
Viewers who bought pay-per-view tickets to see the contest on television at $59.95 (about £35) through Prime Cable will not be receiving any refunds, Steve Schorr, a company director, said, adding that, while the company had received a huge number of complaints after the stoppage of the contest in the third round, "the complaints were not as bad as in the past".

Money talks 45

The first meeting between Tyson and Holyfield reached $1.6 million sales, but this one is expected to be far bigger. Schorr said: "It was an event, whether you liked it or hated it, that people will be talking about forever."

Yet while there were sympathetic voices in Las Vegas yesterday, the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) reacted angrily to Tyson's behaviour. Writing to Marc Ratner, chief executive of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, John Morris, the general secretary of the BBBC, said: "In Britain, we have watched in horror as Mike Tyson desecrated boxing on Saturday night. Now world boxing will be watching Nevada for action.

"Obviously, you may know mitigating circumstances that we could not, but it does seem as if only the sternest of decisions can rescue the image of the sport. It is a tragedy that what should have been one of the great events in boxing history has been brought low, but we must be positive and look ahead. We will support strong action and it is my conviction that the sport needs a world control that everyone must heed."



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